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THE INDICATIONS.

Washington, Feb. 22—Illinois—Cloudy and warmer Tuesday, probably rain. Wednesday fair, colder; fresh to brisk south winds shifting to north.

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FOUR RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOATS TAKEN BY THE JAPANESE

Admiral Togo Reported to Have Made Another Successful Attack on Enemy at Port Arthur.

VICEROY ALEXIEFF NOW AT HARBIN

No Decisive Action By Either Belligerent is Expected For Some Time to Come.

BULLETIN.

To [illegible] Feb [illegible]—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Telegraph, cabling [illegible] February 22 reports the Japanese squadron captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by [illegible] signals.

[illegible] such appears to confirm the [illegible] in various quarters of a [illegible] on Port Arthur by the Japanese.

BULLETIN.

[illegible] Feb 22—It is reported here that Vice Admiral Togo has again attacked Port Arthur. It is impossible to confirm the statement but the navy department says it has had no news [illegible] It is considered very probable he has made another attack [illegible] as he is engaged in blockading Port Arthur.

BULLETIN.

Yingkow, Feb 22—Viceroy Alexieff and his full staff have just arrived at Harbin where headquarters have been established.

NEWS AT NAGASAKI

Confirms the Reported Capture of Torpedo Boats.

London, Feb 22—The report of the Japanese capture of four Russian torpedo boats reaches London from Nagasaki from the correspondent there who adds that the Russian vessels of the four torpedo boats have been transferred.

No official news of this attack has been received in London, but the Chefoo correspondent of the Post says the report is current there that Japanese torpedo boat destroyers, in attacking Port Arthur February 14 sank or disabled two Russian battleships in addition to the torpedo boats [illegible] reported. It is possible the dispatch of the Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent also refers to the earlier attack.

Viceroy Alexieff's retirement to Harbin is now an accomplished fact, the correspondent of the Associated Press cables that Port Arthur is now the naval stronghold and the fleet is commanded by naval gunners.

It is said that huge bodies of Cossacks and other troops are occupying Newchwang and Hsin Ming Tin are undoubted.

Advices to the Mail from Hong Kong say the British squadron is concentrating there and a correspondent says French concentration of warships is occurring at Saigon Indo-China this is supposedly a result on an Anglo French understanding.

According to the Nagasaki correspondent of the Telegraph the American steamer Chiyo Maru, which are variously reported at Chefoo and Shanghai is going to make a demonstration at the mouth of the Yalu river.

RUSSIA'S PROTESTS

Note to Powers Claims Japs Violated Laws of Nations.

Washington Feb 22—Russia is addressing to the powers a vigorous communication charging Japan with violations the laws of nations. The first of these violation in threatening the neutral port Chemulpo, unarmed Russian ships within came out to fight an overwhelming force, and second states the attack on Port Arthur before war had been declared, while the Japanese minister at St Petersburg was still enjoying the protection and courtesies of the Russian government to which it is claimed he had just previously addressed a communication expressing his belief the severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries would be [illegible]

ANOTHER BOAT

Of Neutral Power Fired on by the Russians.

Wei Hai Wei Feb 22—The British steamer Chung Ping belonging to the Chinese engineering and Mining Company of Shanghai, has arrived here from Chefoo and reports she was fired upon by the Russians and was [illegible] times around her water line. A Russian pilot boat coming out of Pei Ping to pilot the Chung Ping was blown up by a mine.

SINKING OF THE MARU

Four War Ships Attacked Single Merchant Vessel.

Nagasaki Feb 22—In an interview with officers of the Nakonoura Maru it is told that on the morning of the 11th [illegible] four Russian warships were sighted at a distance of four miles. The warships signalled him to follow them and afterward signaled that all on board should leave the steamer in fifteen minutes. Meantime the warships opened fire on the steamer The second signaling was intended to save the crew. While the steamer was lowering her boats two men were wounded and fell into the sea.

The remainder of the crew were taken on board the cruiser Gromoboi. They were later transferred on the 15th to the steamer Stolberg from Vladivostok, but the Stolberg after proceeding five miles was stopped by the Russians and detained until the 19th.

PROBABLY BOYARIN

German Steamer Brings News of Another Russian Disaster.

Che Foo, Feb. 22—The German steamer Pronto has just arrived from Dalny and says positively that besides the torpedo gunboat Yenesei accidentally destroyed by one of her own mines, the Russians have just lost another ship by accident on the 12th instant. This was a small cruiser whose name was not learned. In avoiding some mines she ran upon rocks from which she eventually slipped off into the deep water and sank. There was no loss of life attached to the casualty The Russian authorities insist there is no truth in the story that a force of 1000 Japanese landed at Pigeon or Dove Bay had been annihilated The Pronto was sent from Port Arthur to Dalny for refugees, chiefly Japanese women While leaving Port Arthur with all her lights out she was fired upon by a Russian cruiser. Fifteen shots striking her upper works it was subsequently explained she was mistaken for a Japanese torpedo boat

Doubtful.

New York, Feb 22—The small Russian cruiser reported destroyed in the above despatch was probably the Boyarin, previously announced to have been blown up by a mine at Port Arthur Feb. 13 It is stated in St. Petersbug the report of the disaster shows the entire crew of the Boyarin, 198 in number were lost

TROOP SHIPS GUARDED.

Tokio Feb. 22—Russian warships are reported between Japan and Korea. Transports carrying troops across are heavily convoyed in consequence.

WAITING GAME

Little Prospect of Immediate Action on Either Side.

London, Feb 22—The latest advices of Japanese Minister Hayashi lead him to believe that Japanese troops may now wait possibly two or three months before undertaking aggressive operations in Manchuria.

Baron Hayashi does not credit the report that 2500 Russian soldiers have been killed in an outpost engagement at the Yalu river. He says there is no Japanese force in that vicinity large enough to inflict such loss The only naval development Baron Hayashi expects in the near future is a possible attack on the Japanese fleet by a powerful Russian torpedo flotilla at Port Arthur and hitherto unused. On the Japanese side except possible actions against the Russian Vladivostok squadron the minister does not look for developments at present, believing that Admiral Togo will be satisfied to keep the disabled Russian squadron prisoners at Port Arthur.

RUSSIAN TRANSPORTS.

Suez, Feb 22—The Russian transports, Otel and Smolensk which recently traversed the canal bound for the far east returned here today and entered the canal on the way to Port Said

GET GOOD AND READY.

Paris, Feb. 22—Regarding the offer of the French Red Cross society to send relief immediately to Manchuria, M Nelixdoff, Russian ambassador, has written to Russian authorities on the subject He says the land operations will not commence before some weeks, then only should practical relief measures be taken. This statement is accepted as an indication that Russians wish complete concentration of their troops before engaging in decisive combat.

Another Attack On Port Arthur.

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 22—It is reported that Admiral Togo again attacked Port Arthur.

BOTH WILLING

Japan and Russia's Answer to Note of Secretary Hay.

Washington, Feb. 22—The state department has made public texts of the notes exchanged with the powers respecting the far eastern war. The United States note already has been published.

Japan's answer was to the effect that the government was prepared to respect the neutrality and administrative entity of China outside the regions occupied by Russia, as long as Russia making similar engagements, fulfills in good faith the terms and conditions of each engagement.

Russia shares a desire to insure the tranquility of China and is ready to adhere to the understanding with other powers on condition that China and Japan observe all the clauses of neutrality and that neutralization shall not extend to Manchuria

Secretary Hay's note was final notice to the powers that Russia and Japan adhered to the principles set forth in his first note

AMERICAN FLEET

In the Far East To Be Strengthened By More Vessels.

Washington, Feb 22—Naval officers are considering earnestly the strengthening of the American Asiatic fleet in view of the vast interests of this country in the Philippines and China and Korea and the probability that disturbances may necessitate their protection at any time While the fleet is regarded as too small there is a desire to avoid exciting the suspicion of old world powers.

Lest this government be put in a false light of interfering in the eastern struggle, notwithstanding our declaration of absolute neutrality, a high naval officer said tonight the need of increasing the Asiatic fleet has been long felt. It is intended the new battleship Ohio shall in the spring be followed by the cruisers South Dakota and Milwaukee. The Ohio will not be completed until fall and the Iowa may go in her stead. The original suggestion that the battleship squadron go to Che Foo has been countermanded and the battleships now remain in the Philippines and the cruiser squadron assembles at Shanghai. The battleship Kentucky was sent to Hong Kong for repairs and the Wisconsin and Oregon may accompany her

Meantime the cruisers will be used to keep in communication with our agents at New Chwang, Chee Foo, Chemulpo and Seoul Rear Admiral Evans feeling the situation in the far east extremely important cabled the department a wish to remain there for the present, although his time of sea duty is up next month. The matter has been left to Evans' own judgment.

TWO MONTHS

Will Be Required For Russia To Get Army In the East.

Berlin, Feb. 22—The Militar Wochenblatt, the organ of the German general staff, has published an article discussing Russia's prospects of reinforcing her army in East Asia. The paper takes a pessimistic view of the capacity of the trans-Siberian railroad, and especially of the section crossing Lake Baikal, where it says the difficulties to be overcome are enormous. According to the paper's estimates it will take until April 20 for Russia to raise the strength of her East Asiatic army to 233,000 men.

FRANCE SENDS SUBMARINES.

Toulon, France, Feb 22—The torpedo transport Foudre has been ordered to convoy two submarine vessels from Cherbourg to Saigon, Indo-China She will then return to France and take out two other submarines.

SPLENDID ARMY.

Correspondent Says Japanese Troops Surpass Any In Europe.

London, Feb 22—The Wei Hai Wei correspondent of the Times describes a visit to Chemulpo, Korea, Feb. 19, and the Japanese landing operations there, which he says demonstrated that the Japanese military organization is superior to that of any European power A general Japanese advance along the Pekin road to Ping Yang, Korea is expected shortly The original plan was to land at Masampho, but the naval successes enabled the Japanese to begin operations at Chemulpo, and a further change of base to Chinnampo is highly probable. As soon as the ice breaks up troops will be established at Ping Yang in sufficient strength to guard against a sudden Russian descent. It is believed that while the sea power of Russia at Vladivostok is intact the Japanese will not attempt to land on the eastern coast of Korea As an evidence of the Japanese intention it is noted that her cruisers are patrolling towards the northwest of Korea and that she is not landing artillery at Chemulpo Everything suggests an immediate dash for a strategic position in northern Korea.

REFUGEES.

Nagasaki, Feb. 22—The steamer Stelberg arrived here from Vladivostok with twenty white foreigners, 1500 Chinese, fifty Japanese, and forty survivors of the Japanese steamer Nakonoura Maru, which was sunk by the Russian cruiser squadron from Vladivostok Feb 11. Two of these men were drowned during their transfer to the Russian ships. The survivors were well treated and provided with return passages.

SNOW STORM INTERFERED.

Vladivostok, Feb 22—The squadron intended to bombard Hakodate but a snow storm prevented the vessels from entering the Straits of Saguru. They intend to make another attempt to reach Hakodate in March with cruisers, five torpedo boats and an armed transport.

Civilians at Vladivostok have been ordered to leave owing to scarcity of food as the government is taking everything available. Panic has seized the Chinese, who are leaving by wholesale.

BRIBES CHINESE.

London, Feb 22—The correspondent at Tokio of Reuter's Telegraph Co., says he learns from a reliable source that Russian Minister to China Lessar, has successfully bribed Chinese officials with the result that instructions given the Russian gunboat Mandjur to leave Shanghai were cancelled.

The Japanese government considers this to be a breach of Chinese neutrality and is taking steps in the matter.

BLIZZARDS AND COLD

Add To Difficulty of Mobilizing the Russian Forces.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 22—Heavy snows and blizzards over the Siberian railroad, especially east of Baikal, are largely increasing the difficulties of transporting troops, besides better enabling Chinese brigands to operate. The Japanese are said to be inciting the brigands to action.

PRAISE FOR THE AMERICANS

BARON STERNBERG IN SPEECH AT PHILADELPHIA POINTS TO OUR GREATNESS

IN WORLD OF DIPLOMACY

Recites the Influence Exerted In the Far East In the Past and Present.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22—Baron Sternberg, German ambassador to the United States, upon whom the University of Pennsylvania today conferred the degree of doctor of laws, was the principal speaker at the regular monthly meeting tonight of the American Academy of Political and Social science. The subject of his address was "The Germans as Colonizers"

Von Sternberg Speech.

Baron Von Sternberg referred at length to the part taken by German immigrants "in elevating the United States to its present greatness." He then spoke of Germany's possessions in the Pacific, referring especially to the Samoan Islands and comparing their unhappy condition to the present prosperity resulting from the government by United States, Germany and Great Britain.

Sternberg spoke briefly of Germany's colonies in Africa and then took up her Chinese possessions. He reviewed their history at length and spoke of ports controlled by Great Britain and France, referring to the Philippines, he said "The Spanish war brought to the United States the Philippine Islands with excellent harbors, most valuable both for strategic and commercial purposes. Already the great value of these islands in China's eastern flank will be enormously enhanced after the opening of the Panama canal. They will be the great eastern trade emporiums of the United States from there will radiate her commerce, feeding a Chinese coast line of about 2,000 miles, most of them in the infancy of their development. The strategical position of Subig Bay and other harbors is apparent even to the layman."

Speaking of Kia Chow which Germany procured in 1899 he cited the progress since made in the matter of railroad building, establishing of law courts, and public health and said "The fundamental policy of Germany in the administration of her Chinese colony has been the greatest possible liberty to the subjects of all nations and the maintenance of the best public order. Special provisions have been made preventing any molestation of the Chinese population whose rights and property have been strictly respected and preserved. Under this sound and liberal government Kia Chow is now beginning to bear fruits and the imports of nations passing through her widely opened door are showing a steady increase."

Concluding he said. "Grave fear and alarm was expressed by all concerned in the steadily growing trade of the far east when war clouds out there were threatening to burst It was the far seeing eye of the Washington government which saved China from chaos and dismemberment during the boxer troubles of 1900.

"New flames are again threatening to arise from the still smouldering ashes, but in the right moment we again see the same ever watchful government invite the powers of the world to act in concert so as to preserve the integrity of China and prevent a conflagration the limit of which no human mind would be able to foretell. Through this strong and able stroke, not only the powers at peace but also those engaged in war will reap the greatest benefit and it is to be hoped the vast and increasing Chinese trade will develop undisturbed."

ANARCHISTS DEPORTED.

Socialists Satisfied With Action of Prussian Officials.

Berlin, Feb. 22—The debate regarding police surveillance of Russian students in Germany was resumed today in the Prussian diet, and the Prussian minister of justice, Dr. Schoenstedt, and the Prussian minister of the interior, Freiherr Von Hammerstein, went at length into the allegations made in the reichstag by the socialists The ministers explained the action of the government in this matter so satisfactorily that they won the approval of the opposition speakers. It was shown the persons sent across the border had been smuggling anarchist literature One book seized gave minute directions for organizing murderous plots.

Confirmed.

Washington, Feb. 22—The senate confirmed the following: Illinois postmasters. M. S. Brown, Brighton; William T. Thorp, Litchfield. Also Trevanyon L. Mathews, marshal of the district of Nebraska.

DINNER TO TAFT.

New Secretary of War Guest of Honor At Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, Feb 22—The Loyal Legion gave a public reception this afternoon in honor of Secretary of War Taft, at which he made a brief speech. Tonight the secretary was given a complimentary dinner. A number of speeches were made, the principal one being by former Attorney General Harmon.

Secretary Taft's address was chiefly devoted to the situation in the Philippines.

FULL SIZED COLD WAVE.

Temperature In Newfoundland Drops To 45 Below.

St Johns, N. F., Feb. 22—The worst cold wave for fifty years was experienced in Newfoundland yesterday, when, accompanied by a furious gale, the temperature dropped from 25 to 45 degrees below zero.

The whole seaboard is frozen.

Educational Meeting.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 22—The department of superintendence of the Educational association, will meet here tomorrow. Among those already here are President Henry P. Merson, of St. Louis and General Secretary Dr. Irwin [illegible] of Winona, Minn.

CRANK AT WHITE HOUSE

Big Loaded Revolver Is Found In His Pocket.

Washington, Feb. 22—An armed crank atempted to get in the white house this morning by the executive entrance. He was promptly captured by one of the secret service men and hustled to prison. He gave his name and address as Edward Belgar, 271 South Clark street, Chicago. When searched a big revolver was found in his pocket. He stated that his purpose in trying to see the president was to enlist his aid in connection with some patents.

Belgar was examined by the police surgeons later and then committed to St. Elizabeth's insane hopital.

GRIEF CAUSES DEATH.

L. B. Purnell Dies Shortly After Hearing of Brother's Demise.

Taylorville, Ill., Feb. 22—Special to the Herald—L. B. Purnell, one of the most prominent business men of this city, was found dead in his bed yesterday morning by his wife. Mr Purnell was apparently in the best of health and was at work in his place of business until 11 o'clock Friday night. It is believed that grief caused his death, as he had received a message from Meredosia announcing the death of his brother, C. H. Purnell

NAVY BILL IN THE HOUSE

Meets With Opposition of Mr. Burton Who Thinks We are Growing Warlike.

GREAT NAVY IS NOT NEEDED

Washington, Feb. 22—The naval appropriation bill today encountered opposition on the republican side of the house Mr. Burton, of Ohio, chairman of the rivers and harbors committee, announced in a vigorous speech he could not support a bill which declares the United States, which in his views should be the leader in all works for peace, is going to double, treble and quadruple its naval establishment, all under the assertion that it is done for peace. He questioned the need of so great a navy as the bill contemplates, asserting the Monroe doctrine and supremacy of this country on this side of the world is secure and that the control of the Philippines by this country had not been questioned. He asked the minority why, in view of the declaration in the Kansas City platform, they had not opposed these expenditures.

Mr. Williams, minority leader, said the inquiry put democrats in an unfair attitude as the failure of the bill would mean that ships under construction would rot at the docks and sailors would go unfed.

Mr. Burton replied that he did not want to be understood as opposing work on the ships under construction or the maintenance of a navy.

The first incident of the day was an unsuccessful effort by the minority to secure adjournment on account of the anniversary of Washington's birthday.

Mr. Rixey of Virginia, minority member of the naval committee, quoting from the address of Secretary Moody at a recent banquet, said he could account for the secretary's apprehensions over observations made in the senate concerning the navy by the senator from Maryland, (Gorman), only on the ground he feared that the secretary might be chosen as the standard bearer of his party and be successful and thus be transferred to another forum where he might wield a greater influence Mr. Rixey said the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies had been awarded the armor plate contracts at figures $55 a ton in excess of that named in the contract with the Midvale company, and he charged that the two first named concerns were in an agreement to keep up the prices. Consideration of the bill was pending when the house adjourned, 26 of the 78 pages having been read for amendment under the five minute rule

CULLOM CONFERS

With President About the Canal Vote Today.

Washington, Feb. 22—Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign relations had a conference with the president today regarding the vote tomorrow on the Panama treaty and the probability of the necessity for some additional canal legislation. Just what legislation may be needed has not been determined yet, but Mr. Cullom intimated that if any were necessary it might be attached to one of the appropriation bills.

THE STATE SCALE

For Mining Will be Adjusted at Meeting in Springfield.

Chicago, Feb 22—United Mine Workers' union of Illinois and the operators today appointed a joint scale committee which will meet at Springfield after the joint conference at Indianapolis fixes the scale for competitive states.

OHIO'S SENATOR

To Succeed Hanna Will be Voted on March 1.

Columbus, Feb. 22—The Ohio legislature this evening decided the separate ballots for senator to succeed the late Senator Hanna be taken March 1 and the joint session be held next day.

Scrap at Peoria.

Peoria, Feb. 22—"Kid" Abel of Chicago and Austin Rice of New London, Conn., fought ten rounds to a draw tonight.

Chicago, Feb. 22—Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia disposed of Charlie Mack, of Milwaukee, in the third round of a six round bout tonight.

A Receiver.

Stoughton, Wis., Feb. 22—A receiver has been appointed for H. T. Ransen, a prominent business man and tobacco dealer. The unsecured claims amount to $28,000.

Joliet, Feb. 22—The triennial state convention of the Knights of Maccabees began tonight with a secret session and banquet. The session will [illegible]

ILLINOIS FIRES.

Minook Business District, Peoria Distillery and Winnebago Hotel.

Peoria, Feb 22—The old Barker distillery was destroyed by fire this morning. It was the property of the American Spirits Manufacturing company. The loss will be $40,000.

The distillery had not been used for several years.

Minonk Business Blocks Burn.

Joliet, Feb. 22—Fire at 1 o'clock this morning destroyed several business houses in the village of Minonk. The loss is about $12,000, partly covered by insurance People were compelled to flee in their night clothes. A bucket brigade saved the town after a hard fight.

Winnebago Hotel Burns.

Rockford, Feb 22—The Lewis hotel at Winnebago, burned early this morning The guests escaped in their night clothing. For a time the entire business section of the village was threatened, owing to frozen water plugs

ALHAMBRA THEATER BURNS.

Three Persons Lose Lives and Several Are Injured.

Chicago, Feb. 22—Fire at 2 o'clock this morning destroyed the Alhambra hotel, theater and block at Nineteenth and States, causing a loss of $90,000. The firemen carried twenty women from the upper story windows. The Alhambra belonged to the Stair & Havlin theatrical circuit

It was thought no one was killed, but at 10 o'clock three bodies were taken from the ruins, and it is thought another is still there. The bodies are badly burned.

The dead are William Fisher, a teamster, Frank Beckmann, a clerk, and Annie Smith.

The fire started in the basement of the Alhambra restaurant and was not considered dangerous until the flames reached the air shaft, and in half an hour the hotel and theater with their dozen stores were in ashes.

Owen Stanley Fawcett.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 22—Owen Stanley Fawcett, who has been associated with the great stars of the dramatic world, died last night at his home at Flat Rock. A few months ago Mr. Fawcett was forced to retire from the stage on account of illness. He was 66 years old.

Missing Treasurer Found.

Chicago, Feb 22—William P. Inglis, treasurer of the Illinois St. Andrews Society, who disappeared from Chicago nearly two months ago, has been found by his wife in Jacksonville, Fla. He refuses to return and make an accounting of the funds of the organization intrusted to his keeping.

HE GETS INTO BAND WAGON

SENATOR HOAR ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL VOTE FOR CANAL TREATY.

COMPLAINS OF CRITICISM

Says He Has Been Misrepresented and Misunderstood and Had No Desire to Reflect on President.

Washington, Feb 22—The feature of today's session was the speech from Mr. Hoar in explanation of his former speech on the canal situation He complained of the criticisms of his utterances at that time, saying that he had been misunderstood and misrepresented and contended that his intention on that occasion had been to secure full information concerning the Panama revolt and not to cast reflections on the president. On the contrary he had the highest regard for that official and intended to vote for the treaty.

Mr Foraker was mentioned among others who had criticised the first speech and after Mr Hoar had concluded the Ohio senator replied that he had not meant unjustly to reflect on Mr Hoar and justifying his remarks by quoting from Hoar's original speech. Mr. Hoar replied accusing Mr Foraker not only of having misrepresenting him on the first occasion, but of misrepresenting today. The result was a sharp colloquy at short range, and when it came to a conclusion they did not appear to have approached any nearer an understanding than at the beginning.

Other speeches were made during the day by Carmack, whose remarks were devoted to the censure of Minister Vuena-Varilla and by Mr. Cullom, who as chairman of the committee on foreign relations has had charge of the treaty. He upheld the treaty throughout. The senate adjourned until 1 o'clock tomorrow.

Ships to Hong Kong.

Washington, Feb. 22—The battleship Kentucky, the flag ship of the Asiatic fleet, has been ordered to Hong Kong where she will be docked for the purpose of making minor repairs. It is regarded as probable Admiral Evans will have the remainder of the battleship squadron accompany him to Hong King

Schooner Goes Ashore.

New York, Feb. 22—A three masted schooners went ashore off Bell Port, L. I., during the night and sunk. The crew can be seen in the rigging. Life savers made several attempts to reach the crew by boat and shot a line but failed.

Oratorical Prize Winner.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 22—At the competition of the interstate school league tonight the first prize was given McKee Robinson, of Ypsilanti, Mich., for the oration on "Education and the State."

Blind Man's Crime.

Sioux City, Ia., Feb. 22—Steven Mauck, the blind violinist, shot and dangerously wounded his 16-year-old daughter today and then blew out his own brains. It is believed he was

THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY WAS OBSERVED IN DIFFERENT CITIES MONDAY.

MANY PROMINENT SPEAKERS

Deliver Patriotic Addresses and Draw Lessons From the Subject—Root and Speer Speak at Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 22——The anniversary of the birthday of Washington was observed here today by the Union League club with two meetings at Auditorium theater, one in the morning and the other in the evening, and a banquet tonight. The principal exercise was held in the afternoon when Elihu Root, former secretary of war delivered an address on "The Ethics of the Panama Question" The words of the ex-secretary were listened to with great interest by an audience that filled the Anditorium theater to overflowing.

At the forenoon meeting 3000 pupils of the public schools gathered at the Auditorium to sing anthems and war songs of the United States and to listen to addresses on themes of a patriotic nature. Among those who spoke at the meeting were Dr. William G. Frost of Berea college, Kentucky, who took for his subject, "What Makes a Great Man" Mrs Marion Foster-Washburne of Elkhart, Ind., also spoke.

The closing event of the day's celebration was a banquet tonight. After former Secretary Root had responded to a toast, addresses were delivered by Judge Emery Speers of United States district court of Georgia and Dr. W. J. Ticker, president of Dartmouth college.

Judge Speers' Remarks

Judge Emery Speers of Georgia, responding to the toast, "The American President," said: "God has sent a time when the people of the North and South will know each other better."

"May the day hasten when the southern people may have the full sympathy and counsel of the northern brethren in all their anxieties and may they rejoice in the liberty to put behind them apprehensions for control of their local governments and for the safety of their loved ones and their homes. May they feel free to forever break their solidarity on questions of greatest menace of the nation. May they regain the substance as well as the form of a republican government. May they exercise anew at the ballot box the untrammelled franchises of American freemen and determine for themselves upon their merits, the excellence of men and the rightfulness of measures on which the welfare of the nation depends. These things accomplished all things making for the happiness of a nation at home and its strength and honor abroad will be added unto us, and our sons forever reunited can join anew in the chorus their fathers loved.

"The union of lakes, the union of lands, the union of states none can sever, the union of hearts, the union of hands and the flag of our Union forever."

PLANTED TREES.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt Participate In Interesting Ceremony.

Washington, Feb 22—President and Mrs. Roosevelt celebrated Washington's birthday by planting each a tree in the white house grounds in an excavation prepared by Col. Symons, superintendent of public buildings and grounds. The spades used by President and Mrs. Roosevelt were adorned with red, white and blue ribbons. These spades will be preserved in the white house. On the blades of each will be painted a scene of the tree planting and a legend indicating the location and time of the setting of the trees. They thus will form a permanent record of the ceremony.

THE DAY IN ROME.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Entertained American Colony.

Rome, Feb. 22—About six hundred Americans in Rome gathered today at the United States embassy, where they were cordially entertained in honor of Washington's birthday, by Ambassador Meyer and Mrs Meyer and the staff of the embassy.

There was a noticeable display of flags in various parts of the city in honor of the day.

At Peoria.

Peoria, Feb. Feb. 22—The Creve Coeur Club celebrated Washington's birthday with a banquet tonight. Bishop Spalding presided and speeches were made by a number of prominent men from this and neighboring states.

ROBBED THE PAYNES

Professional Nurse Arrested in New York with Stolen Property.

New York, Feb. 22—Mrs. Agnes French, recently employed as nurse in the family of Postmaster General Payne, of Washington, was arrested today in Brooklyn. She is said to have decamped last Thursday from the Arlington hotel, Washington, with $100 in cash and about $1700 worth of jewelry belonging to Mrs. Payne and other members of the family. When brought to the police headquarters Mrs. French acknowledged her guilt. She surrendered $55 cash, about $700 worth of jewelry and a fur boa which she had purchased with the proceeds of the theft. She will be handed over to the federal authorities tomorrow.

Will Be Expensive.

Paris, Feb, 22—According to a report submitted in the chamber of deputies today by M. Buisson (radical socialist) for the suppression of instruction in France by religious orders will be very expensive as this step will entail the erection of new schools costing $12,000,000 and annual expense for teachers of $1,300,000

The Local Weather

The local weather conditions for the 24 hours ended at 7 p. m. Monday as reported by Prof. Coonradt, government observer follow:

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INTERESTING IN SANGAMON.

Majority Of Committeemen Revolt Against Wheeler.

The revolting members of the Sangamon county republican committee met at the Leland hotel in Springfield and issued a new call for the county convention The date fixed is March 14, and the primaries are to be held on March 12 The convention called by the Yates special committee is to be held May 3, and the primaries the day before

Revolters Have Majority.

The revolting members had a clear majority of the committee at their meeting Forty-five answered in person and ten were present and responded through proxies A few of the Yates committeemen were also present, but acting under instruction from their chief, they refused to respond to the roll call. Most of the Yates men remained away from the meeting in an effort to break a quorum

Wanted to Oust Wheeler.

The temper of the revolting members was in favor of ousting Dr J. A Wheeler, the chairman of the committee, whose arbitrary action in calling primaries which would be dictated by the Yates machine, caused the revolution The cooler heads, however advised against this Without attempting to elect a new chairman, the committee named Logan Hay as temporary chairman to act in the absence of Dr Wheeler, and then proceeded to business.

Calls Convention.

It first rescinded all former rules giving the chairman authority to act in the matter of primaries, and then authorized the issuing of a call for the convention on March 14 Under the call both factions are to have representation on the primary boards and the primaries are to be held under the Australian ballot system. In each precinct one judge of election is to be named by each faction and a third one by the central committee.

The Yates people declare they will not recognize the call and will not attend the primaries although several of the committeemen who joined in the revolt against Wheeler are Yates supporters.

DISSENSION AT PEORIA.

Lowden Men Claim They Were Given Double Cross.

There is trouble at Peoria. The Lowden forces are disgusted. They say that they formed an alliance with the Yates men to wrest the county from Sherman and succeeded in doing so, whereas on a straight issue of Yates or anti-Yates the Sherman men would have won and Lowden would have fallen heir to the fourteen delegates. Frank Fox, president of the Lowden club says that he spent $1000 to secure the nomination of Frank Putnam, the governor's candidate for state senator, and that he is now willing to spend that much to encompass his defeat.

PAYS PENALTY.

Office Holder Who Opposed Yates Loses Job.

Governor Yates' official snickersee has fallen again, this time on the neck of Thomas Stephenson, an inspector in the grain department at Chicago, at a salary of $1500 a year Stephenson is a brother-in-law of Charles Rannells and aligned himself with Rannells in Morgan county as against the governor. The governor is said to have declared that employes who are not loyal to him must go. Stephenson filed his resignation but told A L French, chairman of the railroad and warehouse commissioners, that it was not to take effect until his five per cent contribution to the campaign fund was returned to him. Under this assessment he has contributed $225 in the past two years When the fact was cited to him that he had signed his pay vouchers without protest and had no grounds for recovery, Stephenson's reply was that he had let the matter go without protest because he had to in order to hold his job but that now he proposed to get the money back if he had to sue for it To others he made the statement that he never had a chance to refuse payment of the assessment because it was held out of his salary and he had to take what was offered him

A SHERMAN CLAIM.

Alleged To Have Majority of Peoria County Delegates.

The Sherman and other anti-Yates forces here have advices from Peoria, which they claim are reliable, that Yates has thirteen delegates there instead of twenty claimed yesterday, and that the remaining delegates are divided between Lowden and Sherman, the former having six and the latter eight.

AT TAYLORVILLE.

Hamlin Will Spend Day In Christian's Capital.

Arrangements have been made by a local reception committee for a reception to be tendered to Hon. H. J. Hamlin, who will visit Taylorville Saturday. He will make two addresses at the court house one in the afternoon and one in the evening. J. M. Taylor and W. M Purvines were chosen to introduce the speaker.

DEATH OF YOUNG WIFE.

Mrs. Roy Carlock Died At Her Home In Clinton Thursday Night.

Clinton, Feb. 19—Special to the Herald—Mrs. Roy Carlock died at her home in this city on Thursday night after an illness of two weeks. She is survived by her husband and a child two weeks old and also her father, one brother and two sisters She was married less than a year ago Her former home was at Bloomington where the remains will be taken for burial Saturday, after funeral services here at 10 o'clock

Deeds Recorded.

The transfers of real estate are still very light. Only one deed was filed for record Friday and it was as follows:

M. F. Kanan to Max Atlass the east half of lot 3 in block 7 of Allen, McReynolds and Company's addition to Decatur, $5,800

Births.

Ackerman—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ackerman of North Broadway, a daughter.

Marriage Licenses.

Lee McGeorge, Niantic 22
Lydia Hartwig, Harristown 27

WAS KNOWN HERE

Henry McLaughlin Who Regularly Visited Decatur Lawyers to Sell Books.

ENDED HIS LIFE AT PEORIA.

Insomnia Said to Be the Cause of His Self-Destruction.

Carefully shutting his room door, and refusing to admit any one, William H. McLaughlin swallowed a goodly portion of Paris green at about 8 o'clock yesterday morning. His wife suspecting it and after being pressed he admitted the act, but would not allow any one to enter the room Finally the doctors were called They worked with him until 10 o'clock this morning, when he died.

McLaughlin was born in Pekin in 1859 lived there all his early life married there, and came to Peoria about eight years ago He had been admitted to the bar, but never practiced law to any great extent He made his living largely by selling law books to other members of the legal profession.

For some time he had been in rather hard luck and suffered from despondency, melancholia and insomnia He would sometimes go for days and days without being able to sleep At length the strain became too much to bear and he took his own life

McLaughlin in his sane days was a pleasant, agreeable and companionable man He always had a cheery word and a smile for his friends. Very few people knew that he was in such hard circumstances as would make suicide a probability.—Peoria Star

McLaughlin was known to practically all of the members of the Decatur bar For years he had visited this city selling law books and with some members of the fraternity he was on terms of intimacy. As his nature was in Decatur it seems impossible that he could take his own life He was of a bright cheery disposition a man of keen intellect no petty vices and altogether a most delightful companion His home life was admirable, his wife a brilliant woman devoted to her husband and her children

TWO FINE VEINS OF COAL

Blue Mound Coal Company Makes a Lucky Strike—First Vein 5 Feet 9 Inches.

EXPECT SECOND TO SHOW 9 FEET

Things are assuming an interesting stage at the mine. The three-foot vein by the log has developed into a five-foot nine-inch vein, and now it is expected that vein No. 5 may be eight or nine feet thick instead of five feet three inches as shown by the prospect log One thing certain there is a fine mine in sight and it is expected that both veins may be worked The veins are about twenty-feet apart. Both veins have a firm roof of limestone several feet in thickness.

The Blue Mound mine will be perfectly dry The cofferdam constructed catches all the water, which will be used for the boilers There are but few mines that are dry and this will be one of them. It is expected that vein No 5 will be struck in a few days

Monday morning three car loads of steel together with the hoisting engine and sixteen men arrived to put up the steel tower The Illinois Steel company has the contract for putting up the top works, and it is said this mine is to have one of the best outfits for hoisting that is made. The work of raising the tower has begun and will be pushed to completion.—Blue Mound Leader

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by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever, nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous services.

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COUNTY CONVENTION.

Of the Prohibitionists Will Be Held Here Next Friday.

There will be a county convention of the prohibition party the 26th of February at one p. m., held at No 237 North Main street for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention and nominating a county ticket, also to transact such other business as may be necessary

It is ernestly desired that every prohibitionist should be present. State Chairman Alonzo E. Wilson will be present and address the meeting both afternoon and evening.

SUSPECT THE SUNSHINE

Of Having an Influence on the Egg Supply and Prices Drop.

The shippers suspect that if the sunshine continues two or three days there will be a marked increase in the supply of eggs and they are backing off from the prices offered several days ago Today the price will be 22 cents and that is good for today only unless there is a contract otherwise. With the wholesale price above 25 cents it is now an easy matter for the shippers to get more than enough to supply their local trade.

HOUSE OF A TRAP SPIDER.

Rev. Bowyer Receives Interesting Curio from California.

Rev. S H. Bowyer yesterday received from an aunt in California a very interesting curio in the shape of a trap spider encased in his house. The insect was turned over to Prof. Coonradt who will coax the spider out and then turn the habitation over to Rev Bowyer Trap spiders are larger than the largest garden spider in this section and are poisonous While they are undesirable on that account their ingenuity in constructing a house securely fastened with a trap door is a cause for wonder and admiration. The house is in the shape of a cone and five or six inches in height. At the top there is an opening with a flange and in this flange is fastened the door which opens and shuts on its silken hinges After this has been made the spider deposits a chunk of mud on the door and lines the house with a fine spun web making it soft as silk and is then ready to retire for the winter As the insect enters the door falls into place and is held there by the weight of the piece of mud

ANOTHER ADVANCE IN FLOUR

Effective Today the Price is Advanced Twenty Cents Per Barrel.

ANOTHER ADVANCE IS LIKELY

Effective today the local millers advance the price of flour 20 cents a barrel. The wholesale price has been $4 50 Today it will be $4 70 That will make the retail price of flour, for 50 pound sacks, $1 30. A few days ago one of the local millers said that the price of flour, at wholesale, would within a short time be $5 per barrel, and that the commodity could not, at the prevailing price of wheat, be produced for any less. The fact that there has been three advances in the price in the last month gives color to his prediction of $5 flour.

The millers will go through the formality of marking up the price of wheat, but it is merely a formality, because there is no wheat in this country. The grain consumed here is all shipped in The supply of wheat grown in Macon county would not keep the mills here busy two weeks in the year. However, if there is any Macon county grown wheat in first hands the owners can get 90 cents per bushel for it.

MARRIED.

Pease-Goodman.

W. E. Pease and Miss Cleopatra Goodman, both of this city, were married Wednesday night at 8 30 o'clock by Rev. J W McDonald at his residence The ceremony was witnessed by only a few friends The couple went to housekeeping at the groom's residence at 836 West Packard street

Some time ago the son of the present groom married a sister of the present bride and now the bride is her sister's mother-in-law.

Wilson Martin.

David Wilson and Miss Bertha Martin, both of Austin township were married yesterday at the residence of David Patterson at 936 North Church street by Rev S H. Bowyer of the First Baptist church The couple will move to one of Mr. Patterson's farms in Logan county where they will be at home to friends after March 10.

DEATH RECORD.

Harold Jones.

Harold Jones, the son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Jones, died at 2 a m Friday, Feb. 19, at St Mary's hospital, aged 10 years. Appendicitis was the cause of death.

The funeral will be held from Wikoff & Moran's chapel at 2 30 o'clock this afternoon

Wallace R. Young.

Wallace R. Young, the son of Mr. and Mrs P. W Young, died at 2 45 a. m. Thursday from the family home, 1184 North College street, aged one year and eight months

The body will be taken to Oconee this morning for burial.

FUNERALS.

Samuel Shutter.

The funeral of Samuel Shutter who died Tuesday in the city prison was held Thursday afternoon from the home of his son, Frank Shutter, 555 East Wagner street. Rev J. W. Van Cleve conducted the services and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Hattie M. Markwell.

The funeral of Hattie Marie Markwell was held from the family residence on North Water street Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. W. Van Cleve officiated and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

Married at Hillsboro.

The Litchfield Herald, under the head of "Marriage Licenses" reported from Hillsboro on Thursday: says.

C J. Smith, 23, Decatur, Miss Dora Ellis, 22, Decatur.

They arrived this morning on the 9 48 train from the west, another couple accompanying them, and were married at 11 o'clock at the Hillsboro hotel by Rev. Doer, of the Presbyterian church of this city. All departed this afternoon on the 2 52 train west.

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Crop Goes With the Land.

The question as to whether a deed to land conveys a matured crop of corn when there is no reservation has just been decided by the supreme court of this state in the affirmative. It is said to be the only case of the kind that has ever been passed upon in this state

The decision was rendered this week in the case of Thomas Firebaugh vs. Isaac Ivan. The appeal was from the circuit court of Champaign county, the interested parties being Ogden people. The case passed through the appellate court to the final decision in the highest court of the state.—Champaign Times.

Wants a Divorce.

Mrs. Minnie Whitsel has filed a suit for divorce against her husband, John Whitsel, to whom she was married at Decatur May 24, 1895. In February of last year Whitsel was convicted of felony and is now serving a term in the state penitentiary, and the wife now asks for a divorce under the provisions of the statutes.—Peoria Star.

A Champion Trapper.

Charleston has a champion trapper. Since Dec. 2 William Hart has trapped and shipped to the New York market the fur from 517 muskrats, 21 minks, three coons, one red fox and 14 'possums. The amount thus represented is $100. He has a bet of $5 posted that he will trap 1,000 muskrats before the season closes on April 15.—Mattoon Star.

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HE HAD TO QUIT

Ill Health Compels Secretary Rose To Drop Out of the Race.

THE MUDDLE AT THE CAPITAL.

Piatt County Is For Col. Warner—Yates Gets Marshall.

On account of continued ill-health and inability to conduct a campaign Secretary of State Rose has finally decided to withdraw from the race for republican nomination for governor. In a letter addressed to Judge A. K. Vickers of Vienna the secretary formally announces his determination.

The communication recites the fact that the secretary was prevailed upon to become a candidate against his own judgment, he having insisted from the first that the condition of his health would not permit it. He goes on to cite that he has been unable to look after his interests except by correspondence and realizes that under existing conditions it will be necessary for him to go into the field and indulge in personal and active campaign. This he is unable to do and his physicians would not hear to such an attempt being made. Up to the present time the secretary has made but little progress, having a very few delegates instructed for him.

Secretary Rose left Friday morning for New Orleans and other southern points, in the hope of benefiting his health

Friends of Governor Yates are jubilant over the withdrawal of Secretary Rose from the race. They declare that this action will result in ninety southern Illinois delegates who would have supported the Rose candidacy being for Governor Yates for renomination.

WARNER CONTROLS IN PIATT.

Action Is Taken at Monticello in His Interests.

The republican county central committee has issued a call The call for the county primaries includes only a convention for the nomination of delegates to the state convention and the nomination of a county ticket This leaves the matter of selecting delegates to the congressional convention until a later date.

Colonel Warner's friends control the committee and the action of today was taken in his interests.

UP IN THE AIR.

Springfield Committeemen First On One Side and Then the Other.

Dr J. A Wheeler, the chairman of the county committee and the head of the special committee on primaries, does not appear to be worried over the existing conditions. He is not doing much talking, but is calmly awaiting developments and permitting the other folks to do the floor walking He is satisfied that the republicans of the county will soon see the folly of the action taken by the revolutionists and that they will repudiate it. He will not take cognizance of the alleged action of the committee in rescinding the original call for the primaries, as he is satisfied the meeting held Thursday was without authority.

It has been learned that in addition to those of the committeemen who have already repudiated the action taken Thursday, others whose names were used in the "rump" meeting will decline to stand for the Butler program. It has also been discovered that some of the men who were present and professed to act are not members of the committee at all. A case in point is that of Hugh Law, who was represented in the meeting by a proxy held by Charles Selby Law resigned from the committee months ago and his resignation was accepted. He was formerly the committeeman from Cooper township, but he has not acted on the body for some time.—Springfield Journal.

PRIMARY PLAN FAVORS YATES.

Tazewell Central Committee Rejects Method of Mass Convention.

A victory was won by Governor Yates at Pekin when the county central committee voted in favor of the primary plan instead of a mass convention. Two years ago the committee rejected the plan of holding primaries.

The voting primaries will be held in Pekin and the caucuses in the country. The primaries will be held March 5 and the convention March 15.

Delegates for Yates.

At the Marshall county republican convention the six delegates to the state convention were instructed for Yates for governor and for Col. R. B. Fort of Lacon for lieutenant governor. Colonel Fort was allowed to select the delegates, whom he has not yet named.

The twelve delegates from the county to the Sixteenth district congressional convention were instructed for Joseph V. Graff.

POLITIC L POINTERS

William H. Cisne aspires to the place of secretary of state. He was always an active republican of Wayne county until four years ago when he was appointed cashier of the custom house at Chicago, a position of great responsibility, which he filled with credit to himself and party.

NEARBY TOWNS

ELWIN.

A traveling medicine show which has been the attraction here for a week, had several different contests. Mrs. C. B. Shively won the silver tea set in the ladies' wood sawing contest. A. Isabell won the silver set in the bean guessing contest, and Miss Maye Wright won the diamond ring for being the most popular young lady.

Arthur Knipple has gone to Virginia to attend the funeral of his brother, Joseph.

Elmer Culp is visiting in Mattoon.

Lloyd Stickel, the son of Nathan Stickel, is ill.

Mrs. W. H. Culp is very sick.

Mrs W. R. Hopkins is also on the sick list.

Mrs. W. W. Knipple entertained some of her lady friends last Wednesday. Those present were Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Piper, Mrs. Lizzie Knipple, and Mrs. N. Stickel.

Elwin school was closed last Thursday on account of the illness of the teacher.

Feb. 18.

VONN.

Will Hardin went to Clinton last week and assisted his parents in moving here. Both families live in Mrs. Milligan's house.

Mrs. Green of Wapella is visiting at R. B. Long's

A birthday surprise was given Mrs. John Herdman last Friday. About fifteen neighbor women were in the house when she was called back from Mr. Canham's, where she had gone to spend the day. They spent the day sewing carpet rags, in conversation, and enjoying a splendid dinner gotten up by her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Harrison. Mrs Herdman is 54 years of age.

J. E. Harrison has gone to Little Rock, Ark., to engage in the insurance business with his brother-in-law, Sam Herdman Mrs. Harrison will go soon

W C. Clawson was attending a law suit in Pana last Friday.

Farmers are kept busy these days attending the numerous public sales.

K E. Bugg has settled in his new home on the Hargrave farm. Mr. Hargrave will remain with him a while and Miss Nellie Hargrave will visit her aunt in Georgia. She will start this week.

W. B. McBride of Taylorville, who is running for state's attorney on the democratic ticket, was interviewing the old wheel-horses of the party at Isaiah Pouder's sale last Thursday

Misses Grace Moore, Creta Hargrave, Laura Canham and Alta Hensey attended a leap year party at Stonington last evening.

Grace Moore and Creta Hargrave took dinner with Mrs. J. R. Vaughn today.

Feb. 17.

CERRO GORDO.

Louis Dustin and wife have gone to San Antonio, Texas, for the benefit of Mr. Dustin's health.

Farm hands have commenced to arrive. A good many of them are from the south.

M N Mikels and C. P. Yates were in Milmine Monday.

W. W. Seitz of Hammond was in town Tuesday.

Harry Leslie is now working in Decatur

The hotel will change hands the first of March Isaac Chambers will be the new landlord.

James Clayton and wife have returned from their extended visit with relatives in the west

A A. Harlan and son left for Missouri the first of the week.

The Rebekah masquerade at Lyons' hall last Saturday night was well attended. The program given was enjoyed by those present.

Bert and Charles Hurd are now on their way to Alaska.

Mrs. Eliza Garver, who has been very poorly for a long time, had one of her limbs amputated above the knee last Monday. The operation was performed by Dr. Dudley and Drs. Barnes and Wood of Decatur

Rev H B Easterling of Illiopolis was visiting friends here the first of the week

Miss Wynn Long entertained friends in honor of her eighteenth birthday last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs Sarah Smith has returned from a two-weeks' visit in Bement.

Miss Wren of Hammond is again at her place in Sayler's store after being absent for a long time.

Mrs T. J Wimmer spent Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs. W. H. Harte in Bement.

John Maffitt and family are visiting relatives in Milmine this week.

Harl Folrath of Philo was here on business last Saturday.

William Lyons and John Funk attended the shooting match in Decatur Tuesday

"Newt." Biebinger of Monticello was a visitor Tuesday.

Lee Mallernee of Pontiac is visiting his mother.

Miss Gerta Peck entertained friends in honor of Miss Kate Brown of Ashmore, Ill., Miss Della Davis of Poseyville, Ind., and Miss Zelva Allsup of Maroa last Monday evening

The little child of Mr and Mrs Harry Baker died Tuesday night after an illness of two weeks with pneumonia.

A lecture will be given at the M. E. church for the benefit of the voters. A good program has been planned

Henry Hurd and wife are now located in their new house.

The Casad Musical Comedy company is giving a series of entertainments here this week.

A. C. Doyle's letter of "facts" has caused an awakening at the county seat.

President Vreeland was talking the other afternoon about the railways of Europe.

"They are not as good as ours" he said, "and this is because the Europeans are not as ready to visit us and profit by our ideas as is the case with us in America.

"A Chicagoan was in here talking to me yesterday, and he said that when he was abroad last summer he found the railroads of Scotland atrocious He said that on one of those railroads one day the train stopped in a desolate country, and the guards got out, sat down on a rock and began to eat their lunch.

"The Chicagoan put his head out of the window and shouted.

"'What is the matter? Why have we stopped in this foresaken spot?'

"A guard replied, frowning

"'Ye maun e'en bide a wee The water for the engine has gane aff the boil.'"—New York Press.

THE IROQUOIS THEATER FIRE

THE SPECIAL GRAND JURY VOTES INDICTMENTS AGAINST OWNERS OF THE HOUSE.

CHARGE IS MANSLAUGHTER

No Bills Were Voted Against Mayor Harrison and Fire Chief Musham —Will Be Presented Tuesday.

Chicago, Feb. 20—The special grand jury investigating the Iroquois theater fire completed its labors tonight by voting indictments against five men, no true bills against four others

The formal report of the jury will not be made public until Tuesday. Those indicted are Will J. Davis, part owner of the Iroquois theater; Thomas Noonan, business manager of the theater; James E. Cummings, stage carpenter, all of whom are charged with manslaughter. George Williams, city building commissioner, and Edward Laughlin, building inspector, charged with culpable omission of official duty in office.

No bills were voted against Mayor Carter H. Harrison, Fire Marshal Musham, Fireman Sellers and William McMullen, the operator of the flood light which set fire to the asbestos curtain.

Although indictments were voted, they will not be formally drawn and submitted to Judge Chytraus until Tuesday afternoon, when the report of the jury will be formulated.

LOOK FOR TROUBLE

Russians Are Criticising Commander of Vicksburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20—The refusal of the commander of the United States gunboat Vicksburg to unite with the commanders of other foreign warships at Chemulpo to protest against the fighting there on Feb. 8, which resulted in the loss of Russian warships Variag and Korietz, and the fact that the Vicksburg did not take on board any of the surviving Russian sailors, has created unfavorable public comment here. The foreign office, however, shows no disposition to criticise the Vicksburg's commander and advanced the suggestion that he might have been restrained by the belief that such action might constitute a breach of neutrality.

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Postmark Stamps.

One would scarcely believe that the manufacture of the simple looking little hand stamps used by the government to cancel stamps would require machinery sufficient to construct a locomotive, but it does, and the building at Lodge, Va., where they are made, is filled with machinery of the finest and most expensive make, much of it the invention of Mr. Chambers' father, and a great deal of it his own. There are about 90,000 postoffices in the United States, and this number is being added to every year at a rapid rate. The offices of our new possessions have helped to swell the list, and consequently increase the work of supplying post-marking stamps for every office down to the smallest hamlet must use the stamps. This naturally increases the value of the invention which has caused the government to pay into the Chambers' family more than $1,250,000 and it's dynamite for the man who comes nosing around the factory to see how the work is done in making the stamps. A certificate of character is necessary as soon as the stranger gets off the boat at the landing.—Detroit Free Press.

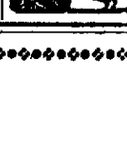
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ST. NICHOLAS SCORCHED

Guests Hustled to Escape Although They Were Not in Danger--Loss About $12,000 Fully Insured.

THE FIREMEN DID SPLENDID WORK

Contents of Building Below Fourth Floor Soaked With Water.

CLOSED FOR THE PRESENT

The St. Nicholas hotel is closed on account of a fire which broke out shortly before 7 o'clock Saturday morning. The flames were confined to the fourth and fifth floors and the roof of the building but nearly all of the main part of the hotel is badly damaged by water.

The fire did not last more than about forty minutes but it looked for a while like the whole building would be destroyed.

The damage is estimated at from $10,000 to $12,000. It is fully covered by insurance. There is insurance of $6000 on the building, $10,000 on the contents and a rent insurance of $700 a month.

The fire started probably by the crossing of an electric wire with the elevator call bell wire and the flames originated on the fourth floor in the elevator shaft.

The damage is such that a new roof must be put on the hotel and most of the rooms in the main part must be replastered. The two wings, one over the bar room and the other over the dining room were not damaged.

The rooms were all occupied but every one escaped without being hurt, some coming down from their rooms in their night clothes.

The firemen did excellent work which prevented the entire destruction of the building.



ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.

START OF THE FIRE.

It Began in the Elevator Shaft on Fourth Floor.

The fire was discovered by a bell boy who was passing the elevator shaft on the fourth floor. The elevator is about in the center of the main part of the hotel and the stairway is just north of it. The bell boy saw that flames were running up the corner of the elevator shaft. Inside of the elevator shaft there is a small shaft which incloses the wire operating the elevator bell and some other wires. The flames were shooting up this smaller shaft and were extending to the fifth floor and on up to the roof.

Bell Boy Cried Out.

The bell boy at once gave an alarm and began waking the people. James Ferguson, the night clerk, turned in an alarm for the fire department and went to all of the rooms waking the guests. Some of the people were a little excited as they naturally would be but there was no panic. The women were assisted in removing their baggage and porters were sent back for trunks and grips which the men guests could not carry out themselves.

Some of the men in their haste came down stairs in their night clothes and bell boys went back for their clothing.

Used the Hose.

The hose which are always connected and hang on the wall near the elevator on each floor of the hotel proved to be of good service and probably did much to save the building. On the fourth floor James Laux turned on the water and directed a stream on the flames and on the fifth floor Steward Dowling used a hose and poured water through a hole in the ceiling and did much to prevent the spread of the flames until the firemen arrived.

Panic Averted.

Cool work on the part of the hotel attaches prevents panic. Night Clerk Ferguson saw that every guest was awakened and then went back to his office and stayed there until the water came through the ceiling.

The steward was soon at work with the hose and the others in charge of departments of the hotel at once began the work of directing the servants in saving the hotel property.

It was a wonder that some one was not hurt or killed. If the fire had occurred earlier in the morning or during the night it would have been difficult to have aroused all the guests but as it was many were awake and all of the servants who work in the day time were up and had started about their duties.

Response Quick.

The firemen were at the hotel a very few minutes after the alarm was turned in. Some of the men went up the fire escapes with the hose and others went up the stairway. Chief Devore went at once to the fifth floor and stayed there and directed the work and did not leave until the fire was under control.

Three holes were made in the ceiling and the water was poured in between the roof and the ceiling of the fifth floor.

The work of the firemen was quick and effective. Chief Devore said that he would not know how to handle it better if he had it to do over again and the people in the hotel were enthusiastic in their praise of the firemen.

Without allowing any drafts the water was thrown under the roof until the flames were extinguished and later a hole was cut in the tower at the front corner of the building and water was sent down from above.

It was realized that the water would ruin a great part of the house but no chances could be taken trying to save water damage. The only wonder was that the total destruction of the building could be prevented was to use the water freely.

DELUGE CAME

Water Poured Through the Ceilings and Soaked Everything.

After the fire was out came the water and it came in great quantities. It soaked through the ceilings and ran down to the first floor. The hotel office was flooded with six or eight inches of water and it poured through the ceiling and everything in the halls and rooms in the hotel excepting in the two wings was soaked.

The bulk of the water was removed as much as possible after the fire was over but the walls of the rooms were ruined. In most of the rooms the plaster fell and is still falling. The heavy carpets in the halls are soaked with water like a sponge and the furniture was marred with plaster and much of it ruined with the water.

On the fifth floor there are large holes in the ceiling and the conditions are almost as bad on the fourth floor.

Roof Gone.

The framework under the roof and above the ceiling of the fifth floor is completely gutted. The tin roof over the main part of the building is simply suspended on account of being fastened at the wall.

The heat on the roof was intense. This fact is shown by the manner in which large pipes on the roof are melted out of shape.

There is practically nothing of the roof excepting the outside tin covering and an entire new roof must be built.

The interior of the building altogether presents a scene of absolute confusion and destruction. Furniture which was not more or less damaged was removed and in the dining room and other parts of the house furniture, linens, silver and other furnishings were piled up ready to be removed.

DAMAGE BY THE FIRE

Is Hard to Estimate but Will be $10,000 or $12,000 It is Thought.

It is hard to estimate the damage to the building. It will be necessary for the adjusters to look over the building before the exact amount can be ascertained but the insurance men who went through the hotel Saturday said that it would be a loss on 25 per cent of the insurance or from $10,000 to $12,000.

Much of the furniture which now appeared to be ruined may be repaired perhaps, but the necessary work to put the building in shape may be more than appears now.

Charles Laux, the landlord and owner of the hotel was protected with a rent insurance. He holds an insurance which gives him rent at the rate of $8400 a year or $700 a month for all the time that the building is not in use on account of the fire. This insurance protects him against loss which would otherwise be occasioned by not being able to keep the hotel open. All loss is covered by insurance.

PRACTICALLY CLOSED.

The Office However Will be Open During the Institute This Week.

The hotel is practically closed. Some of the guests came back after the fire and asked to be allowed to sleep in any room even if the place was torn up but no meals can be served.

It was an unfortunate time for a hotel fire both for the proprietor and for the city. The State Farmers' institute is to be held in Decatur this week and the St. Nicholas was expected to entertain many of the visitors. It was said Saturday evening that a very few rooms might be used and consent was given by Mr. Laux and also by H. L. Oldham who is looking after the insurance interests to use the hotel office as a bureau of information.

The work of repairing will begin as soon as possible after the adjusters have settled the insurance claims. It is impossible to say how long it will take to repair the hotel. Perhaps part of the place can be opened soon.

INSURANCE AMPLE.

The Loss Will be Fully Covered—$50,000 on Building and Contents.

The amount of insurance carried by Mr. Laux on the hotel was as follows:

On building	$40,000
On contents	10,000
Rent Insurance	3,400

H. L. Oldham placed all of the insurance and had charge of the insurance of the entire building. Some was held in companies he represents and some with other agents with whom he placed it. Mr. Oldham is practically in charge of the place until the adjusters arrive. The companies were telegraphed of the fire and sent notice that adjusters would be here Monday. It will probably take several days to make a settlement.

Insurance on Building.

The insurance on the furniture in the building was divided with the different companies as follows:

H. L. Oldman Agency:	
Western Underwriters	$ 7,500
Union Assurance Society	1,000
Potomac Insurance Co.	500
Reliance	2,500
Delaware	2,500
Concordia	7,500
Firemen of Newark	2,500
Milwaukee	2,500
Kuny & Strohm Agency:	
American	$ 5,000
Germania of New York	5,000
Johnson & Dimock Agency:	
American Central	1,500
F. W. Baldwin Agency:	
New York Underwriters	2,000
Total on Building	$40,000

Insurance on Contents.

The insurance on the furniture was distributed as follows:

H. L. Oldham Agency:	
New York Fire	$ 1,000
North British and Mercantile	2,000
Ed Allen Agency:	
Aachens & Munich	1,000
Sun Insurance Co.	1,000
Kuny & Strohm Agency:	
Connecticut Fire Ins. Co.	3,000
Phoenix	1,000
A. Smick Agency:	
The Anchor Fire Ins. Co.	1,000
Total on Contents	$10,000

Rent Insurance.

The rent insurance was held in the following companies:

Potomac	$1,400
N. Y. Fire Ins. Co.	1,500
United Underwriter Ins. Co.	3,000
Girard	2,500

WELL KNOWN HOTEL.

The St. Nicholas Hotel Has Been Free of Troubles.

The fire of Saturday at the St. Nicholas hotel was the first bad catastrophe that ever took place in the house. Of all the years that Charles Laux has been proprietor of the place he has sheltered but a few deaths, only two suicides and no very bad accidents. The house has always been conducted with much care and only twice before was there ever a fire in the place. A few days after the Powers building fire there was a little blaze at the back part of the hotel and on one other occasion there was an alarm. This was the first time that Mr. Laux was ever troubled with fire and the guests were handled in such a way that no one was injured and not one piece of baggage or clothing was lost.

The only complaint made about losses was by a bell boy who was searching the building for his hat which he said was lost in the rush.

Mr. Laux and his brother bought the old Harrell house in 1870. The name was changed to the St. Nicholas hotel and the hotel was conducted in the old building which stood on the present site. In 1880 Mr. Laux's brother went west and left him the sole owner and in 1892 the present structure was built. The St. Nicholas was a first class hotel handsomely furnished. It has been a somewhat historic place in this part of the state.

INCIDENTS OF THE FIRE.

One Man Ran Up and Down the Fire Escape—Left $100 in His Room.

One man who had a room at the extreme south end of the building did not waste any time in getting out when he heard the alarm of fire. Attired in practically nothing at all he got out on the fire escape and went down from his fourth floor room. When he reached the second floor he discovered that the escape did not go to the ground, it being supposed that a ladder is to be put up from the ground to the second floor.

The man decided that he could not go any farther so he went on up the fire escape again to his room and dressed.

Left $100.

One man hurriedly dressed and grabbed some of his clothing and on reaching the office remembered that he had left $100 and a gold watch in his room. He sent a bell boy back and the money and watch was found under the pillow of the bed.

Thought It a Fake.

A bell boy had a hard time getting Jim Laux to realize that there really was a fire. Jim is strong on sleeping hard when it is time to get up in the morning and the boys have been in the habit of throwing water in his face and yelling fire in his ear when they want to wake him. On this occasion Jim scorned the cry of fire and told the boy to let him sleep an hour later but finally he was made to realize that it was the real thing and was in a few seconds operating a hose.

Singed His Hair.

Ralph Taggart, the day clerk, was just about to arise when the alarm came. He dressed and started to wake the guests. On the fourth floor opposite the elevator he pounded on a door and had his hair singed doing it only to find that the occupant had fled a few minutes sooner.

Out of a Tub.

One man who was taking a bath when the fire started is willing to testify that the firemen are quick workers. He was in the tub when the alarm was turned in and before he could get out he said the firemen had arrived.

CHIEF DEVORE TELLS OF IT

Says Firemen Never Suffered More From Smoke Than They Did At This Fire.

PRESSURE WAS AS DESIRED.

On the streets many times yesterday the statement was made, "If there had been water pressure the firemen could have put out the fire in short order."

When Chief Devore was asked if there was any lack of pressure he smiled and said: "There was never a moment when we did not have all of the pressure that we could use. The truth is we could have had twice as much if we had needed it. The fact is that we were in a place and fought the fire under conditions which would not permit us to have heavy pressure. Come over to the St. Nicholas and see where we fought the fire."

On the fifth floor of the hotel building Chief Devore pointed out the disadvantages under which the department labored and said:

"The fire escapes are what saved the building. We had only two lends of hose in here, but that was enough after we got them in. If it had not been for the fire escapes we could not have got them to this floor. Think of all of the twists in that stairway. We would never have been able to get the hose around all of those turns or to have done anything with it after we had it up here and got it full of water. It is not an easy matter to climb the fire escape with a lead of hose, but that was what we did and by that means were able to get action on the fire much quicker than we could have done any other way.

"This place was one of the worst I ever got into and we have had some smoke to deal with at other places. I never saw the boys suffer as they did in here. The smoke was so dense in this hallway that absolutely you could see nothing and when we got into the attic it was even worse. Two of the men stayed in the attic with the pipe as long as they could stand it and then they would be relieved. After they had a few breaths of fresh air they would go back again. Several times they were made sick and the vomiting that is caused by the smoke is something violent and the man who has had no experience fails to appreciate it.

"Then up there in the attic we encountered a live wire. Two of the fellows ran into it with the pipe which was knocked out of their hands. I asked them what in the smoke they meant and grabbed the pipe, but let go of it at once. Then we got hold of the hose and dragged it back out of the way of the wire and thus secured control of the pipe again. The charge we got was not strong enough to do a man any real harm perhaps, but made his arms useless for a few seconds.

"When we got to the fifth floor I saw at once that the attic was ablaze, that the fire had a big start and that we must get into the attic. We cut holes in the ceiling and poked the pipe through and after a few seconds followed the pipe in under the roof. We did that in two places—at the northeast corner of the building just under the flagstaff and south of that about sixty feet. Less than half the amount of water that we used would have put out a fire of that size but we could not get the water on the blaze. Between the ceiling rafters and the roof the space is not large and it is crossed and recrossed by so many braces that they broke up the stream before it could reach the fire.

"I know that we were criticized today as usual, but at a fire we can't stop to hear all of the advice that is offered us. From the sidewalk we were advised several times to go on the roof and fight the fire from that point. I know this much about the fire: If we had cut a hole through the roof and had given that fire a good draft as the hole would have done, it would have gotten away from us in spite of all that we could do.

"We prepared for a spread of the flames. The men in the street were instructed to lay all of the leads that the hose would allow. Two streams were about all that we could use in that attic and I had the other hose put out so that in case it was apparent that the two leads were not sufficient we would be ready to work with others. After those leads had been put out some of the fellows understood that we wanted a stream turned towards the roof, but I told them to shut it off because it was not needed. You see with all of the terrific force that the big steamer can put behind a stream of water it would have been impossible for us to crawl about in that hole and drag the hose. The engineer was instructed to give us light pressure and he did—about 145 pounds. That was all that we had use for. The limit of that engine is 300 pounds water pressure.

"So far as I can judge the fire started in the electric light wires on the fourth floor. These wires are in a wooden box alongside of the elevator shaft. That box is open up to the attic and the flames went up there in a hurry. The fire had a big start when we got there and the flames were rolling over and over in the attic, but the fact that we were able to get close to it was what made it possible to stop it."

BURIAL OF W. T. BEADLES.

Services at Family Residence Largely Attended.

The funeral of the late W. T. Beadles was held Saturday afternoon from the family residence, 865 West Eldorado street. The services were conducted by Rev. Van Cleve of Grace Methodist church and the burial was at Mt. Gilead cemetery.

The music was by a choir composed of Miss Edna Stewart, Miss Mary Clark, Milton Johnson, Jr., and J. O. Spence.

The pall bearers were A. F. Hopkins, S. S. Hopkins, C. T. Wells, W. H. Grindol, A. W. Conklin and J. G. Badenhausen.

The Brotherhood of St. Paul attended in a body. Numerous floral offerings were sent and many of the friends accompanied the body to the grave. Dr. Van Cleve spoke in high terms of the deceased, mentioning his services to the church through many years and said that one Methodist church owes its existence to his efforts. The services were largely attended.

KILLED OFFICER

Andrew Cunningham Held Without Bail For Murder of G. W. Sloan.

WAS TRYING TO MAKE ARREST.

When Cunningham Interfered and Shot Him Dead.

Sullivan, Feb. 20—Andrew Cunningham was this afternoon ordered confined in jail without bail for the shooting and killing of G. W. Sloan of Shumway, Ill. The arrest was made on a mittimus issued by the coroner.

The shooting occurred on the Cunningham farm near Sullivan Friday night. Sloan came to arrest Frank Chissup, a hand employed by Cunningham. There was trouble when Sloan tried to take Chissup and Cunningham shot Sloan four times and killed him.

The coroner's inquest brought out the fact that Sloan had been deputized to arrest Chissup and that he had a state warrant in his pocket.

EASY FOR YATES.

The Governor Had a Walk Away in Macoupin County.

Carlinville, Ill., Feb. 20—In the Macoupin county primaries today Governor Yates carried the delegates 2 to 1. The county convention will be held Tuesday.

DECATUR'S DUTY

Fire At St. Nicholas Makes Necessity Of Rooms More Urgent Than Ever.

HUNDREDS WILL BE HERE

To Attend Institute Next Week and Must Be Properly Cared For.

The residents of the city are asked by the local executive committee having in charge the arrangements for the state farmers' institute to open their houses for the visitors who will be here this week.

No one is asked to entertain free of charge but on account of the fire at the St. Nicholas hotel it will be necessary for residents to rent rooms in order that the visitors can be accommodated.

The executive committee held a meeting in the mayor's office Saturday afternoon to discuss ways and means for entertainment. The hotel fire came at a bad time and it was decided that there was nothing else to do but ask the people to rent rooms wherever it is possible.

Accommodations for the women who will be here are especially desired.

The committee is anxious that all be properly provided for. They do not want anyone to be turned away. It is therefore necessary that all available accomodations be offered at fair rates.

Telephone Bureau.

The office of the St. Nicholas hotel has been given as a bureau of information and will be used instead of the old postoffice building as previously announced. J. J. H. Young will be in charge of the bureau and anyone having rooms which they can rent out should telephone Mr. Young at the St. Nicholas hotel Monday morning. His mail address is box 424, Decatur postoffice.

Several ladies will be at the hotel office Tuesday morning to receive the ladies who may come to attend the domestic science school.

AN INFANT FOUND DEAD

Startling Discovery Made By Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grant Saturday Morning.

CORONER HOLDS AN INQUEST.

Margaret L. Grant, aged six months, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grant, living at 1034 North Morgan street, was found dead in bed Saturday morning. The child seemed to be well the night before. An inquest was held by Coroner Dawson Saturday morning and natural causes was the verdict.

The funeral will be held this afternoon.

Pedicuring an Elephant.

The tools for trimming elephants' feet are a carpenter's drawknife and a rasp for the soles and a horseshoer's knife and sandpaper for the toenails. The operator places a beer keg or a strong box behind one huge hind foot, lightly prods the thick ankle with his elephant hook, and commands the beast to "hold up." Up comes the mighty foot, slowly and heavily, but obediently as the velvety paw of a kitten. This foot is rested on the box or the keg where it remains while the expert works on it much as a horseshoer pares the hoof of a horse. Great slivers of the horny sole are sliced off. Similarly, the toenails are treated with the knife and the sandpaper, while the big patient stands with swinging trunk and an occasional wag of an ear, too full of satisfaction for utterance. When the turn of the forefeet comes the great beast is made to lie down on its side.—McClure's.

Perfect Confidence.

Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. L. Basford, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success. My child Garland is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief." For sale by all druggists.

Died in Ohio.

Yesterday Mrs. I. A. Buckingham received news that her sister, Mrs. W. F. Anderson was dead at her home at Newtonville, Ohio. She had been in ill health for some time. Mrs. Buckingham has not been in robust health and will not be able to attend the funeral.

The deceased was the mother of Dr. F. M. Anderson of Decatur and Dr. D. F. Anderson of Marca.

When You Have a Cold.

The first action when you have a cold should be to relieve the lungs. This is the best accomplished by the free use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This remedy liquefies the tough mucuous and causes its expulsion from the air cells of the lungs, produces a free expectoration, and opens the secretions. A complete cure soon follows. This remedy will cure a severe cold in less time than any other treatment and it leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition. It counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by all druggists.

A STUBBORN CONTEST.

Court Costs Almost Ten Times the Turkeys.

After litigation lasting nearly two years in which she has sought to recover twenty-eight turkeys or the value thereof, Mrs. Bridget Roach, who resides near Buffalo Hart, has to go through another legal battle in spite of the fact that each time she won. John Morley, who is the defendant, appealed the case yesterday from the county court to the appellate court.

The costs attached to the case now amount to $250, which brings the value of the turkeys up to nearly $9 each. On account of the numerous trials of the case the facts in connection with it are known to nearly every farmer in Sangamon county.

Mrs. Roach and John Morley live in the same neighborhood. One night Morley's turkeys disappeared. Passing by Mrs. Roach's place he discovered a large number of turkeys, and, concluding that his were among them, he secured a writ of replevin and took twenty-eight fowls which he claimed were his.

The issues were found fo the defendant. The plaintiff secured a new trial. In the second trial Mrs. Roach again won and she also won a third time in the justice courts. Morley then appealed the case to the county court, where two trials were held and in which Mrs. Roach won. The final judgment in favor of Mrs. Roach was for $75 and costs.—Springfield Journal.

REMINISCENCE OF LINCOLN.

Visited Foster Mother After His First Election to the Presidency.

Soon after Mr. Lincoln's election to the presidency in November, 1860, he visited Charleston with the purpose of bidding farewell to the mother, who, though not his real mother, yet had been such to him since he was about 10 years of age. The love he bore for her was that of an affectionate son, while her love for him was fully equal to that for her own children.

Gus Chapman, father of Col. Bob, the present genial postmaster of Charleston, went with Mr. Lincoln in a closed carriage to Farmington, ten miles south, where the mother was then making her home, and brought her up to Mr. Chapman's. I had known Mr. Lincoln from my boyhood and was familiar with his moods and manner. His face, which though always sad-looking when at rest, seemed much more so now, as though the burden of the fearful responsibility which had suddenly fallen upon him was weighing him down. I asked him if the road to Farmington looked natural; he said: "Even the stumps and rocks on the hills of Kickapoo and Indian creeks were perfectly natural." His visit, though unexpected, gave rise to a strong desire on the part of a host of friends to see him, so that he gave a reception in the city hall that evening. He walked from the house to the hall under the waving folds of a fine silk flag which I, as captain of the Coles County Wideawakes, had taken as a premium for having the largest body of any county attending a great political meeting in this city.

For more than an hour a stream of friends passed by, at least one-fourth of whom he called by name.

At 10 o'clock that night he bade farewell to his mother in the little brick where Mr. Chapman lived. This scene no one then present will ever forget—the aged mother reaching up, placing her hands upon his shoulders with streaming eyes and tremulous voice, said: "Abram, I feel like when you go I will never see you again." He, pointing upward, seemed only able to say, or said the very thing he did want to say, "Why, Mother?" Remaining in that attitude a moment his hand dropped and he departed for the train to Springfield.—Leroy Wiley in the Paris Beacon.

NATURAL CAUSES

Verdict Of Coroner's Jury In the Case of Edna Dillingham, Colored.

FOUND DEAD IN HER BED.

Had Been Subject to Sudden Illness For Many Years.

Edna Dillingham, one of the best known colored woman of the city, was found dead in her bed Saturday morning at her home, 539 South Broadway. An inquest was held Saturday afternoon and the jury decided that she came to her death by natural causes.

Edna Dillingham owned her own home and since her mother, Mrs. Sophia Rhoads, died last September, she rented rooms in the house to L. E. Earnest and wife. Friday night until about 9 o'clock Edna was with Earnest and his wife. She left their apartments and it was supposed she went to bed, but she went out instead. About 11 p. m. two neighbors who knew her found the woman lying beside the walk on South Broadway. She was taken home and Earnest and his wife sat up with her until 3 a. m. when she appeared to be resting quietly and they left her and found her dead in the morning when Mrs. Earnest went into the room to wake her.

Edna had for the past twenty years been subject to fainting fits. When a child she received a severe blow on the head and the injury had always affected her. It is thought that she had one of these attacks when she fell.

For some years past Edna Dillingham was employed as janitress at the Grand opera house. She was previously employed in families in this city. For many years she was employed at the residence of J. E. Bering. Edna was a highly competent woman and was one of the best cooks in the city and was unusually accomplished in the way of household duties. For a long time she has been in poor health.

A brother, Thomas Rhoades, who is now working at the state house in Springfield, and two sisters, who live out of town, survive.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Another Case of Rheumatism Cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

The efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the relief of rheumatism is being demonstrated daily. Parker Triplett, of Grigsby, Va., says that Chamberlain's Pain Balm gave him permanent relief from rheumatism in the back when everything else failed and he would not be without it. For sale by all druggists.

More Members.

At a meeting of the directory of the Chamber of Commerce last night the applications for membership of R. P. Lytle and Maxheimer & Austin were approved.

Convicted of Murder.

Washington, Penn., Feb. 20—The jury in the case of Milovar Kovovick, a Crotian, charged with slaying Contractor Ferguson, at West Middletown, September 25, returned a verdict of murder in the first degree.

The first step toward being wise is to know that thou art ignorant.

DOCKET ORDERS

Many Cases Disposed of Friday and An Adjournment Taken Until Monday.

CASES SET FOR NEXT WEEK.

Arguments On Motions For New Trials Set For March 12.

Many cases were disposed of by being dismissed in the circuit court Friday. A large number of entries were made on the dockets and court adjourned until Monday, Feb. 29, when the new jury will report for service.

The docket was set for that week. There is not much more business for this term of court and it will not take long to get rid of what there is on the docket. All arguments on motions for new trials will be held March 12.

All of the cases against J. S. Starr and the Premium Buggy Company have been continued until the next term of court.

The docket setting for the week of Feb. 29 as arranged in court Friday is as follows:

Monday, Feb. 29:
Schrader vs. Wabash Railroad Co.
Glover Com. Co. vs. Dumont et al.
Hart vs. City of Decatur.
Wednesday, March 2:
Dinneen vs. Noel.
Howard vs. Noel.
Thursday, March 3:
Armstrong vs. Oakes.
City of Decatur vs. Hart.
City of Decatur vs. Thomas Hart.
Saturday, March 5:
City of Decatur vs. Hart.

The entries on the court dockets Friday were as follows:

Chancery.

Frank P. Smallwood vs. O. B. Gorin, trustee, chancery; stricken with leave.

Herald-Despatch Company vs. V. N. Hostetler, chancery; leave to defendants to amend answer by Feb. 29.

John P. Farles et al vs. George M. Danley et al, partition; rule to close testimony by March 1.

Hamilton W. Fenton vs. Albert F. Ross, et al, foreclosure; rule to close testimony by March 7.

Elizabeth F. Peddecord vs. Richard G. Peddecord et al, chancery; suit dismissed for want of prosecution.

William Rothfuss et al vs. Anna M. Bolay et al, partition; exceptions to master's report withdrawn and F. R. Shull, Hiram Johnson and M. F. Kanan appointed commissioners.

Alzina Orr vs. Henry Orr, divorce; suit dismissed.

Minnie P. Roarick vs. Henry Roarick, divorce; dismissed for want of prosecution.

D. S. Daniels vs. J. P. Seitz et al, creditors bill; suit dismissed by complainant at his costs.

Decatur Brick Company vs. Joseph Ramsey, Jr., et al, petition for mechanics lien; suit dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

Anthony L. Petzer vs. Jeremiah Tarr et al, chancery; master's report approved and decree quieting title.

Lloyd B. Caudle, administrator, vs. Samuel P. Davis, chancery; continued

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Anna Pricer vs. John Pricer, divorce; continued for service.

Law Docket.

Muncie Wheel and Jobbing company vs. Joseph S. Starr et al, replevin; continued by agreement. Same order in all other cases against Starr and Premium Buggy company.

D. C. Buckingham vs. James A. Waggoner, ejectment; continued by agreement.

Nelson Chesman and Company vs. William H. Suffern et al, assumpsit; suit dismissed as to W. H. Suffern and default as to J. S. Sufferh.

Michael Duggan vs. Thomas E. Mayes et al, ejectment, change of venue; continued.

John Kaigley vs. Nora Kane et al, trespass; continued by agreement.

Nancy J. Ratliff vs. Fred Wilson, appellant, appeal; judgment for plaintiff for property and one cent damages and for costs.

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Call for Republican County Convention.

The republican county convention of Macon county, Illinois will be held in the circuit court room in the court house in the city of Decatur, Friday, March 18th, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m

The business of the convention will be to nominate candidates for the following offices towit

State's attorney, circuit clerk, county surveyor and coroner. Also to select delegates to the republican state convention and delegates to the republican congressional convention for the Nineteenth congressional district and delegates to the republican senatorial district and such other business as may properly come before the convention.

The representation in said county convention will be based upon the republican vote cast for electors for president in 1900 and apportioned among the several precincts and districts at the ratio of one delegate for every 40 votes or major fraction thereof as shown by the following table

	Vote	Del.
Austin	121	3
Blue Mound	168	4
Decatur—		
First	223	6
Second	218	5
Third	261	7
Fourth	211	5
Fifth	184	5
Sixth	188	5
Seventh	179	4
Eighth	176	4
Ninth	201	5
Tenth	162	4
Eleventh	197	5
Twelfth	80	2
Thirteenth	96	2
Fourteenth	150	4
Fifteenth	158	4
Sixteenth	303	8
Seventeenth	226	6
Eighteenth	269	7
Friend's Creek	245	6
Harristown	96	2
Hickory Point	120	3
Illini	179	4
Long Creek	146	4
Maroa		
First	183	5
Second	122	3
Milam	61	2
Mt. Zion	211	5
Niantic	96	2
Oakley	116	3
Pleasant View	181	5
South Macon	255	6
South Wheatland	134	3
Whitmore	168	4
Total	6086	152

The primaries for the nomination of county officers, selection of delegates to the county convention, and selection of district or precinct chairman shall be held in the several districts and precincts throughout the county by the chairman of the respective districts or precincts near the township polling places on Thursday, March 17th, 1904. In Decatur township the polls shall be opened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and shall remain open until the hour of 7.30 p. m. In all other townships of the county (Decatur township excepted) the polls shall be opened at the hour of 10 a m and shall remain open until the hour of 7.30 p. m.

The several chairman shall have charge of the primaries in their respective precincts and shall appoint some person to act as clerk and in the event any chairman is unable to serve, he shall appoint some qualified republican to act as judge of such primary in his place.

The candidates receiving the highest number of republican votes in the county at said primaries as determined by the convention, shall be the nominee of the convention to the office for which he was voted.

Delegates to the county convention shall be elected in each district or precinct by ballot voted separate from the general ballot, but cast and counted in the same manner as candidate ballots.

The chairman of the respective districts or precincts shall be elected by ballot at such primary during the hours the polls are open, and shall be elected in the same manner as the delegates to said convention are elected The candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared chairman of that particular district or precinct and his election shall be certified to by the parties in charge of said primary.

W. H. BLACK,
Chairman

J. S. BALDWIN, Sec.

The Panama treaty will be ratisfied by next Tuesday.

With Hanna gone things look much like John Hay in 1908.

San Domingo should change its name to San de Jingo.

It is now Lent. That ought to suggest to the weather clerk to let up a little.

It is sincerely hoped that an "embalmed rice" controversy will not follow the war.

Senatorial courtesy is patiently waiting for Senator Morgan to consent to a vote on the Panama canal treaty.

The evening democratic organ announces that it is a "newspaper." This is news indeed.

It took four weeks in Chicago to get a jury to try self-confessed murderers and robbers. What do you think of that?

Between letting her soldiers freeze to death and blowing up her own ships Russia is presenting herself in a pitiable plight.

Japan announces that she will have Russia licked to a finish by July. She can then join us in a big celebration of the "glorious Fourth."

Patti is 61 years old today. Her late tour of America with its great financial gains show the regard the public has for genius even though its glory be departed.

Senator Hanna's death is a great blow to Wall Street and the democratic press of the country. They now have no one to pit against Roosevelt.

The republican party could wish no greater fortune than the nomination of Hearst. There would be no doubtful states then unless it might be in the solid south.

Col. John Oglesby won in Logan and will be one of the republican candidates for the legislature in this district. DeWitt will furnish the other, while Macon will present the senator.

The next great peace conference will likely be held in the United States with Russia and Japan fully represented. The treaty at Washington will go into history.

It is a great tribute to the memory of Mark Hanna that John Mitchell requests all miners to cease work at noon today out of regard for the great champion of labor.

A ship recently left Honolulu with 50 car loads of American meat consigned to Russian agents. Wouldn't Japan make a nice meal if she could get her clutches on this cargo?

Decatur's democratic newspaper may get time to declare its position on some public question as soon as it gets through its efforts to get the candidates of the republicans thoroughly by the ears.

Russia was a good friend to the United States during the Civil War. It is not imagined that her friendship was wholly unselfish however She did not like England who was flirting with the southern confederacy.

The Illinois and Michigan canal has long been almost deserted by business. It has chiefly been a political appendage. Hereafter the ancient mariners who have held good offices with the adjuncts of large salaries will need to look elsewhere for their soft snaps.

The Herald wants to see a congressman elected from Macon county and will most heartily support the choice of the republicans. It does not feel bound, however, to accept any suggestions via the democratic organ.

Moultrie country has saved itself from further disgrace It has voted to build a $75 000 court house No county every needed one more than Moultrie The old one was a serious reflection on a prosperous and progressive people.

Russia concluded she was too busy to put herself on exhibition at St. Louis and cancelled her space reservation. Japan instantly applied for the space Russia gave up. The Island empire finds time to fight her overgrown antagonist and still put herself forward at the big St. Louis show.

Iowa is not a state of one idea as might be inferred from the general discussion of the "Iowa Idea." Its new idea is that horses' tails should not be docked. The legislature is contemplating a law punishing for inhumanly treating horses in this way. It is a capital idea.

The Herald is chiefly concerned about the unity and harmony of the republican party in Macon county. It is not concerned whether this or that republican candidate wins for any office. The main thing is that when primaries and conventions are over that the party can as a unit support the choice.

If a Macon county republican is nominated for congress will the evening organ support him? Or will it fight him as it did Hon. I. R. Mills when he opposed Caldwell in 1898? In that memorable campaign the Review was understood to be the "business agent" of the Sangamon county capitalists who prevented this county from being ably represented in congress.

Grover Cleveland is evidently becoming feeble minded. He says that he thinks there is "opportunity for democratic success in the coming presidential election." The weakness does not appear altogether in this prediction but in the further opinion that the party can nominate a candidate upon whom the two wings can be harmonized. Think of the people who would be enthusiastic for Hearst or Bryan being willing to vote for Cleveland or Olney. Or the reverse. In expecting such a condition the former president shows that the unsparing ravages of time are telling upon his mentality as he might say of another.

OUR GREATER NAVY.

It comes from Washington that the house committee has recommended an appropriation of $95,000,000 for the navy this fiscal year. Of this sum it is proposed to expend $28,000,000 for new ships. The navy general board recommended one battleship, one armored cruiser, three protected cruisers, four scout cruisers and two colliers, but the committee on Admiral Dewey's recommenation eliminiated one of the scout cruisers and substituted one additional armored cruiser. It is also proposed to expend over a million dollars on naval stations in Cuba and the Philippines and the secretary of the navy is authorized to expend $4,000,000 on an armor plate factory if he can not get the material from private enterprises at what he considers a reasonable cost. Half a million goes for submarine boats, which are still considered experiments, and it is proposed to add 3000 men to the navy. We now have 28,644 enlisted men, 469 warrant officers and 1,577 commissioned officers.

Senator Gorman has undertaken to creat a sentiment against the bill by suggesting that the money could be more profitably spent for internal improvements. There is no doubt about this. If all the armies and navies of the world were disbanded tomorrow industry would be the gainer. It is, however, a condition and not a theory that confronts us In the state of the world's development every nation has need for self-defense and the present war between Russian and Japan sharply directs public attention to the fact that future wars between first class nations are likely to be decided by the preponderance of sea power capably directed.

IS ANY FACTION TOO BUSY?

Our contemporary has recently been very busy promoting propositions to get the republicans of this congressional district in a tangle Its efforts, while they have yielded little in that direction up to date are being continued. It recently announced that D. S. Shellabarger had about concluded to become a candidate for congress and that "it was said" he would make the race in the interest of Macon county. This is a material modification of its hope that Mr. Shellabargar would be induced to become a candidate in the interest of Mr. Hamlin. But it does not let this pass without putting a fly in the ointment. It drops the fly without the "it is said" saving clause but boldly states: "One faction of the party (meaning the Warner faction) here says that it must devote all its energies to getting the county for Warner for governor, so it cannot think about congressman at this time." Reading between the lines it is apparent as the Herald has heretofore suggested that its neighbor is more interested in stirring up a factional row in Macon county than it is in getting a republican congressman from Macon county

The one faction of the party referred to, being the Warner faction is a tolerably large and powerful faction but that it has given out that it is too busy to consider the congressional matter has not come to the Herald. It probably has not occurred to very many republicans that much time was necessary to dispose of the Macon county congressional feature of the campaign. The only question involved is a willingness of some available man to make a contest in the district for the honors So far as this county is concerned any Macon county man who may aspire to congressional honors and will come into the field fairly and free from local factional alliances has no more to do so far as getting the support of the county is concerned. He would have no one to run against and could not even get busy himself and therefore the matter of a local man for congress could not result in overburdening the followers of Warner for governor with extra labor on that account. So it does not appear feasible that any faction is afraid the announcement of a local man for congress would materially add to its burden of work.

THE ALLEGED PROMISE TO WARNER.

It has been charged that the Warner following in this country that stands for him for governor, has also pledged him in an "Iron bound promise" that in case he fails to secure the nomination for governor he shall be returned to congress. Leaving out the "iron bound" feature which is used by those who favor some other candidate for governor, and assuming for the sake of the argument that such a promise was made what great sin or political offense has been committed. It is well known that there has been no one here who was seeking a nomination for congress. The field has been frequently reconnoitered in the past by men of every kind in the party and the conclusion invariably has been that it was very doubtful whether an available person could be found who was so situated that he would be willing to represent the district in congress with all that was involved in securing the nomination and making the campaign in the district. All things considered it is no small matter for any man to undertake. It means time and money and annoyance and the hardest kind of labor and it is not strange that men hesitate to undertake the task. If a promise was made to Warner it was made with these probabilities in view. Warner has been a good congressman and has always given the interests of Macon county his best efforts. He has succeeded in accomplishing more for Macon county than any man who has in the last twenty years represented the district, of which Macon county was a part, in passing through congress a bill for a public building, securing rural free delivery mail service and in many other ways. To suppose that Macon county does not appreciate these things is to admit that our people are ungrateful. Besides this Col. Warner is our next door neighbor and in our senatorial district. With no home candidate for congress in sight and Mr. Warner's record for services in congress in behalf of Macon county and a desire on his part to return to congress if possible in case he fails to secure the gubernatorial nomination, let any Macon county republican point out if he can what political or moral sin was committed in a promise if such promise was made, to support him for congress as against candidates from other counties. Does any one claim that this alleged promise was made as against an available Macon county republican should such a man come to the front? The whole story on its face is so absurd that reasonable men will brand it as material put out to create prejudice in favor of some other candidate for governor.

There is no doubt that many republicans who appreciate Col. Warner's services in congress in the interest of Macon county, assured him, in view of the improbability of a home man becoming a candidate for congress, that they favored his renomination if he failed to secure the gubernatorial nomination, but this did not involve opposition to a home man. Col. Warner is a candidate for governor at this time He is not running for congressional nomination and he is not the kind of man to assume that a promise of this kind carried with it a pledge to oppose the candidacy of a friendly or neutral Macon county man for congress should such a man come to the front in the campaign. He is too broad a man for that and those who try to put him and his friends in a false light in this particular either do not understand the situation or do it in the hope of benefitting some other candidate for governor.

THE SITUATION.

The Herald being a republican paper is interested in the success of the republican party because it believes in the principles of the party. Party success depends on party unity and therefore the Herald so far as it is possible to do so seeks to treat all republican aspirants for nomination for any office fairly. It has no quarrel with any of them. Hon. H. J. Hamlin and Hon. V. Warner, the present congressman from this district are both candidates for governor and are both seeking to carry this county. Mr. Hamlin comes into the county under the leadership of those who are under obligations to him for personal favors and those who prefer him for other reasons. This is entirely proper and it is not offensive politics Mr. Warner comes into the county under the leadership of those who believe that he is entitled to fair consideration by the county for what he has succeeded in congress, in accomplishing for it.

Mr. Warner's prospects for the nomination for governor are based upon the fact that he has not been mixed up in any former factional fights in state politics and those in the party that were instrumental in inducing him to announce his candidacy did so believing that after the smoke of the primary battles had lifted and the state convention had assembled that prudence would dictate that he is best equipped in case of his nomination to command the full strength at the polls of all factions, and would be nominated. So Mr. Warner's friends in the state are not much disposed to precipitate any quarrels with the friends of the other candidates.

The only objection raised to Mr. Warner is in his own district. This is the natural sequence of the contest between Hamlin and Warner in the district for governor. Even in this case his opponents do not charge that he is not a good safe congressman. They do not claim that he is not qualified to make a governor who would bring credit to the party and the state. They seek to prejudice republicans against him upon the allegation that he has expressed a desire to his friends that in case he fails of the nomination for governor that he will be returned to congress, and that he has exacted pledges from his friends especially in this county to support him for congress in case he fails to secure the nomination for governor. The Herald on as good authority as can be secured on a matter of that kind is prepared to say that so such pledge was ever made by anyone in Decatur which by any means carried with it opposition to a local candidate should one appear as a fair and non-factional candidate. But it is useless to discuss this matter. It is sufficient to say that Col. Warner has said, and the Herald is authorized to say for him, that if any friend of his considers himself for any reason pledged or otherwise bound in respect as to a local candidate for congress who stands fairly as between himself and Mr. Hamlin that he not only fully and freely releases him but advises all his friends to heartily support such a candidate. This is eminently fair yet fairer still is the fact that Warner does not ask that such candidate shall work in his interest for governor. Warner and his friends insist upon but one point, namely, that such candidate shall not run in the interest of Mr. Hamlin. If Mr. Shellabarger concludes to be a candidate he has said it will be upon this basis, and upon that basis the friends of Mr. Warner in this county will be for him with all that being for a Macon county man for congress implies.

DITCHED THE DITCH.

Sometimes it takes pretty heroic measures to cut out an abuse. The supreme court has performed that needed surgical operation on the Illinois and Michigan canal. The last legislature appropriated $152,950 for its maintenance. There was much opposition but the bill finally passed and was signed by Gov. Yates.

Rep. Richard E. Burke fought it in the legislature. He did not quit when the general assembly adjourned. He went into the courts and enjoined the payment of this sum. Later the circuit court at Springfield dissolved the injunction. Burke did not give up the fight but appealed the case to the supreme court. His labors are rewarded by a decision making the injunction perpetual. The court held that the constitution prohibited appropriation of money collected by taxation for the maintenance of this ditch. The canal has been a mere putrid reminiscence since the days of railroads

The state of Illinois has wasted millions of dollars for this unless canal. It is a relief that the supreme court, from whose decision there is no appeal, has made it forever impossible to waste money on a useless canal. The fact that sundry good fat offices went with this relict of former days did much to make continued appropriations possible.

This is the anniversary of genial Joe Jefferson, alias Rip Van Winkle, the nestor of the American stage. He has reached the three-quarter century mark, being 75 years young today. On the 75th birthday of Julia Ward Howe the philosopher of life, Oliver Wendel Holmes, said "Mrs. Howe is not 70 years old but 70 years young." He added "It is far more comfortable and agreeable to be 70 years young than to be 40 years old." So despite the lapse of time Joseph Jefferson has remained young. His body may be frail, his face wrinkled but his spirit has the spring of eternal youth.

The union of the Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian churches seems at hand The preliminaries have been agreed upon and only await formal announcement. This is very gratifying. Every movement which tends to unify the church against the aggressions of evil and to make it a greater force for good will be a source of rejoicing to the people who stand for the elevation of mankind. The various church organizations are in no true sense in antagonism to each other. They are merely the regiments and brigades of Christianity under the generalship of the Supreme Commander. Church merges are not likely to be enjoined. Hence the great Presbyterian forces can combine with impunity.

The St. Louis Exposition authorities have been bombarding the newspapers for free notices for two years. Foolishly some of these papers have been publishing the stuff. Every one connected with the show is paid at exorbitant rates for every service rendered. When the newspapers approach the fair officials for some business arrangement a free ticket to "the editor" is grudingly offered. This does not even include his wife, For her he must pay. When it is considered that the press makes the success of such an enterprise the short-sightedness of so niggardly a policy becomes apparent. At a late meeting of the Illinois Press Association at Galesburg action was taken looking to an adjustment of these relations on a basis wherein the newspapers may be treated not as beggars for favors but as business concerns. The membership of the Illinois Press Association comprises the cream of the newspaper workers of Illinois. The St. Louis fair may not need the newspapers, but it surely needs them as much as they need it.

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The new rice nub Taffetas at 75c a yard.
24 inch Foulard Silks, exceptional value, at 75c a yard.
24 inch Foulard Silks, high grade, at $1 a yard.
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24 inch polka dot Pongee Silk at 75c yd.
24 inch Pongee Silk, plain black, spot proof, at $1 yard.
24 inch silk Crepe de Chene, in colors, at 75c yard.

In the Front Rank of Women's Spring Suits,

Stand the new light tweeds, the darker striped Cassimeres and the smooth fresh checked and mixed materials.
Eton or coat Suits, $10.
Fine fancy trimmed Eton and coat Suits, $16.50.
Tweed and Cassimere Suits, $20 and $25.

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Muslin Underwear.

Ladies' cambric Petticoats with a fifteen inch flounce with three rows of Valenciennes insertion and ruffles of lace to match, special, 89c.
Ladies' muslin Gowns, yoke of hemstitched bias tucks, with embroidery insertion, sleeves and neck finished with ruffles to match, 85c.
Ladies' cambric Corset Covers, with six rows of cluny lace insertion, neck and sleeves finished with beading and lace to match, 45c.
Ladies' cambric Drawers, with six inch ruffle below, cluster of tucks, finished with ruffles of four inch cluny lace, 45c.

The Advantage of the Low Prices on Fine Coats.

$4.00, were $10.00.
$5.00, were $12.50.
$12.50, were $25.00.
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A few sample coats in light tan, slightly soiled, were priced early this winter at $35, to be closed out at $12.50.
These are no old style coats, but the very best styles, finest cloths and fine silk linings.

No Time Like Now to Buy a Fur Coat.

The style will be just as good next year, $17, were $35; $25, were $50.

Millinery.

In this department we are showing new spring tailor made Hats.

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WHY AMERICA FAVORS JAPAN.

From the fact that Russia is composed of people of the white race and from the further fact that it is a Christian nation, it might be supposed in advance that Americans would sympathize with Russia in the present war. While there is no particular animosity or violent feelings manifest, it is evident that the current of popular sympathy is toward Japan. There are several reasons why this is so. Japan is the weaker and falls heir to that kindly sympathy which weakness calls out. It is remembered also that some ten years ago Japan defeated China and in the treaty of settlement was granted certain territorial privileges as indemnity. The leading powers of Europe, especially Russia, came in and compelled Japan to relinquish what China had granted her and thus to lose the fruit of victory. Some of the territory which Japan then surrendered is the very territary which Russia is now forcibly trying to take from China This encroachment eastward imperils Japanese interests. Russia has immense territory; Japan has a few small island. If it be a mere question of need, Japan is infinitely more needy. Beyond all this, Japan is more modern, more American in spirit and in method. Her laws are laid out on a more liberal basis, her spirit of tolerance is more in accord with the advanced governments, and she is free from the charge of wholesale murder of Jews.

The Carrollton Gazette in alluding to the state farmers' institute to be held in Decatur next week refers to the fact that the printing was done somewhere away from this city, and says "Of course the Decatur Herald and the Decatur Review will be expected to boom this institute, but they could not be given the job of printing the programs, etc." The Herald is not concerned about so small a matter. Right here at home it is so common for societies, churches and other bodies asking constant free notices to go elsewhere to spend any money that they may have to use that the newspapers are not surprised at any such little matter as that alluded to by the Gazette.

During the coming week The State Farmers' Institute will be held in Decatur. This will bring together the leaders in thought and experience among the great agricultural and allied interests. Farming, stock raising and fruit growing have reached such a degree of scientific perfection that it is doubtful if there is another department of human industry where more certain and intelligent action is taken. It is doubtful, too, whether the agriculturists are exceeded by those in any other pursuit in definite results and in the profits coming to the investor of money brain and brawn. The farmers are speedily becoming most thrifty and well-to-do in every section where agriculture is a leading occupation.

In a few days staid old Boston will be regaled with a Hearst newspaper. To have such a publication in the boasted center of "culchah" will give some of these down-easters a severe shock. To see a paper with six-inch type on the front page announcing some trivial sensation dated at Boston will be something that many of these Bostonese will take as a serious affront. Possibly it may result in "Heart failure" among some in the classic precincts of Harvard and "The Commons." Hearst is an iconoclast as well as a yellow journalist.

Tomorrow is Washington's birthday. This serves to remind that it was nearly one hundred years after the death of Washington before the monument to his memory was dedicated. This took place Feb. 21, 1885, but 19 years ago. Republicans may be greatful, but they are also sometimes very slow in building monuments.

A democratic congressman from New York thinks that Roosevelt is scheming for a big war. Some men are born fools and others have it thrust upon them by a little brief authority. Congressman Fitzgerald was probably born that way, as well as having the swell of office to help.

Russia accepts the Hay note but excepts Manchuria. The American suggestion has been the basis of limiting the area of war. Its effect is toward peace. If China is to remain intact there will be little inducement for European nations to mix in the fray. American diplomacy leads the world.

Lowden made a sneak on Yates in Whiteside and captured 6 Yates delegates. Things are getting pretty brisk in the race for governor. A few things are likely to be doing in this neck of the woods right soon.

The Maroa Times-News puts forward Thomas N. Leavitt as a candidate for member of the state board of equalization. Mr. Leavitt served four years in that place and made an efficient and useful member.

Secretary of States James A. Rose has withdrawn from the race for governor owing to his poor health. He has gone south to recuperate. Other candidates will go later.

The jury trying the Chicago thugs who committed the street car barn and other murders, ought at least to be convicted of disorderly conduct. The verdict is due Monday.

Omaha has been 15 years in erecting a post office building. That beats Chicago. Just wait until Decatur is through and a new record will be established.

WILL YOU COME AND BE MADE WELL?



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RUSSIA'S POWER ON SEA NOW A THING OF THE PAST

Experts Say Czar's Boats Dare Not Quit Their Harbors and Will be Used Only for Defense Work

TO BE A LAND WAR FROM NOW ON

Czar is Worried by Hostilities but is Still Actively Preparing.

NO BATTLE AS YET

Paris, Feb. 20—"This will be a land war," said a member of the French military staff today. "I doubt if the Russian and Japanese fleets fire another shot, unless it shall be at the reduction of Port Arthur.

"The Japanese fleet will be used, of course, in protecting the landing of Japanese troops, and if these landings are disputed by a hostile force the fleet will use its guns.

"But there is no probability of a sea fight of any magnitude. That phase of the war is passed.

"Capt. Mahan, the American naval expert, says Russia's vast sea squadrons are now only 'fleets in being,' that is, they are no longer offensive factors.

"As long as the present dominance of the Japanese ship power shall continue it may be said that Russia is off the sea. The Baltic fleet will remain where it is. The squadron now at a French port off Somaliland will return to the Mediterranean. This leaves only the Port Arthur and the Vladivostok squadrons at the scene of war. These squadrons will hug their harbors, which, under the circumstances, is the best thing they can do.

"If Japan attacks either of these places then Russia's ships will have an opportunity to fight, and there may occur a chance for some of them to assume the offensive and make a sortie.

"All of this, I think, proves the assertion I have just made—this will be a land war; which is Russia's favorite field of military action."

CZAR GRIEVED

At Outbreak of Hostilities But Keeps Busy Getting Ready.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20—The czar, according to those who have access to his presence, feels keenly the outbreak of hostilities and sorrow at the burdens the war entails. Since the bombardment of Port Arthur, his majesty has been much occupied with conferences, and has appeared in public on only one occasion, to review departing troops, or show himself at a window of the winter palace to acknowledge patriotic demonstrations. Persons who have seen his majesty say he is looking sad and careworn, and that his well known kindness of heart causes him to feel acutely the loss of his brave men.

It is known that the czar has received letters from Emperor William, King Christian, of Denmark, and King Oscar, of Sweden and Norway expressing sympathy. The letter from Emperor William was brought by Col. Von Schenk of Alexander, the third regiment of Prussian grenadiers, of which the czar is honorary colonel, and concluded with the significant words, "God is with us."

The epistle from the czar's grandfather, King Christian, is said to be more than an ordinary exchange between close relatives, and the missive from King Oscar is of the friendliest character and contains the warmest assurances for Russian in her hour of trial, and for the czar personally.

Military activity is proceeding on an ever increasing scale, and all is in readiness for the mobilization of the entire Russian army should that become necessary. In a fortnight 100,000 additional troops will be in Manchuria.

Although the Japanese seem to be making Port Arthur one of their main objectives, military men here do not believe they will be able to effect and hold a landing there. The entire country is strongly held by a division of Cossacks, which was quietly moved out to the far east from the Cacasus some time ago.

INSIDE LINES

Fort Arthur Prepared For Two Years' Siege.

Yin Kow, Feb. 20—By means of permission obtained from Major General Pflug, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, a newspaper correspondent succeeded in passing the lines under an official escort and visited Port Arthur, which is closed to all civilians. This correspondent says the authorities are providing for a siege by sending wheat milling machinery to Port Arthur, and claim there is a sufficient food supply there for a resistance of two years.

The Japanese fleet, which is sighted at intervals from Golden Hill, completely controls the gulf. All incomers are treated as spies.

Repairs to the Russian fleet are proceeding. The cruiser Novik has been docked, but the condition of the battleships Czarevitch and Retvizan remain unchanged. Engineers say the Retvizan will be floated in a few days.

Unsafe For Years.

Shippers are of the opinion that the harbor of Dalny will be unsafe for years to come on account of stray mines from the Yenesi which was recently blown up by contact with a mine. Some of these mines are reported by the last merchantman arriving at Port Arthur as drifting in the open sea.

It is stated that as soon as troops are gathered near Kin Chow, Liau Chang and Liao Yang, a simultaneous march will be commenced toward the Yalu river.

An enormous consignment of artillery is reported en route from Russia and it is said without hesitation there were only 125,000 troops in Manchuria and at Vladivostock when the war began.

The administration authorities of Port Arthur assert that the Japanese have landed in Korea only.

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QUESTION OF PATRIOTISM

AS VIEWED FROM OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NEW MEMBER FROM MICHIGAN

Wins Applause of His Colleagues When He Takes Part in Debate for the First Time.

Washington, Feb. 20—This was field day in the house. The naval appropriation bill was under consideration and the discussion encompassed various topics, much of it revolving more or less around politics.

Dayton, republican of West Virginia, of the committee on naval affairs pleaded for a larger navy. Hitchcock, democrat of Nebraska, declared there was gross national extravagance in the annual appropriation bills.

He asserted too, that the larger items in the army and navy supply bills went to trusts. He gave notice that he would attempt on Monday to amend the bill to provide for a government armor plate factory.

Hardwick, democrat of Georgia, precipitated the discussion on the Philippine question by declaring the retention of the islands was responsible for the demand for a large navy. He challenged the majority to make a declaration as to the future of the islands.

Cooper, republican of Wisconsin, championed the government's position in respect to the archipelago, which brought forth a rejoinder from Cochran, democrat from Missouri.

Bates, republican of Pennsylvania, said he was glad to see the democratic members going together. He called attention to the utterances of the minority side on the Philippine question, and then to the views recently expressed by Cleveland on that and other subjects. The latter, he claimed, was regarded by certian newspapers as a receptive candidate. Bates attached significance to the bringing forward in the house the question of the retention of the Philippines. Townsend, the new republican member from Michigan, in an arraignment of the democrats on their action in connection with the canal, received the applause of the republicans for the way he handled himself in debate.

Williams, the minority leader, sought to secure an adjournment until Tuesday that proper respect might be paid the memory of George Washington on Monday. Payne of New York, thought it would be more patriotic to celebrate the anniversary by building up the navy and the house adjourned until Monday with the naval appropriation bill still pending.

COURTEOUS RETORT

Chinese Decline to Assist Russia in Guarding the Railway.

Tokio, Feb. 20—Advices to the Japanese government from Pekin say that while at Mukden Viceroy Alexieff asked the Chinese troops to aid in guarding the railway, so as to prevent an interruption of traffic. The Chinese refused the request and asked for instructions from Pekin. The Chinese government told them to inform Alexieff that as Russia had insisted that the Chinese were unable to guard the railroad in time of peace, surely Russia could not expect them to guard it in time of war.

CASSINI WILL STAY

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20—The report that Count Cassini, Russian ambassador at Washington, is to be recalled, is absolutely unwarranted.

His services are highly esteemed, and at the foreign office it was said

FUGITIVES AT CHEMULPO

Seoul, Feb. 20—The Japanese fugitives who were maltreated at Port Arthur arrived at Chemulpo yesterday and the story of their ill treatment created great excitement among the settlers there.

A RUSSIAN EXPLANATION

OF THAT COUNTRY'S POSITION ON THE UNITED STATES CONSUL AT DALNY.

PERHAPS CHINA MAY OBJECT

If the Russians Decide It Should Be As Their Military Authorities In the Field See Fit.

Paris, Feb. 20—The Temps, semi-officially, this evening quoted a high Russian authority as follows:

"Although the United States wishes to send a consul to Dalny, it is certain the Russian government alone can judge whether it is desirable to issue the exequatur to that official. It is necessary to remember that while Manchuria belongs to China, Russia holds Port Arthur and Dalny under a lease from the Chinese government. The war was commenced by Japan, which practically has established a state of siege at those points. What is more natural than that the laws of war should be extended to those points, and that the authorities should refuse to grant an exequatur to a foreign consul." If it pleases the United States to ask China to issue exequaturs for consuls at Mukden and Kirin, it is their right to do so. But the actual situation confers upon us certain rights. Manchuria, being the theater of war, occupied by us, and recognized by the United States and other powers as outside of the Chinese zone of neutrality, it is for our military authorities to judge the question of receiving these consuls, even if China grants them exequaturs. I do not know the decision of Viceroy Alexieff, but they (the military authorities) are free to take any action they wish."

GEN. KUROPTAKIN

Quits Ministry of War to Take Command in Far East.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 21—General Kuropatkin has been relieved as minister of war and has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Russian army in the far east.

JEWS LOYAL

Balta, Russia, Feb. 20—The Jewish community of Balta has telegraphed a loyal address to the czar.

Topographical Outline Map of the Theater of War

THE struggle that is to decide the destiny of all eastern Asia will be fought entirely within the comparatively circumscribed area shown in the accompanying relief map. The two most important points naturally are Nagasaki for Japan and Port Arthur for Russia, as these are the naval bases for the two opposing fleets. Thirty-five miles from Port Arthur and connected with it by railroad is the commercial port of Dalny, sometimes known by the Chinese name of Talienwan, which is also Russian. In an attempt to out Port Arthur from her source of supplies, Dalny would be the natural objective point of Japanese operations, since with that as a base Port Arthur could be invested from land.

Korea and Manchuria are the bones of contention, and on the soil and about the harbors of these two countries the conflict must be waged. The mountainous character of Korea is indicated by the map. The entire country is rough and almost treeless, a mountain chain running its whole length, with shorter ranges paralleling it at various points. There is a railroad from Seoul, the capital, to Chemulpo, its port. This line is owned by the Japanese. There is also a line partly built from Seoul to Fusan. The principal Korean ports from a strategic point of view are Fusan, Masanpho, Mokpho, Chemulpo, Chinnampo, the Korean port at the mouth of the Yalu river. Further up the Yalu is Wiju, where fighting is almost certain to take place. Across the Yalu on the Manchurian side are Tatungkow and Antung, the ports recently opened to America and Japan by treaty with China.

The indications are that Russia will make her line of defense on the borders of Manchuria along the Yalu river and also along the line of the Transiberian railway, or, rather, its extension, from Vladivostok to Port Arthur and Dalny.

One of the Manchurian ports, Newchwang, is supposed to be under American control, though this seems never to have been conceded by Russia. The port of Weihaiwei, under British influence, may also become a point of strategic importance, though its possible involvement in the struggle will depend wholly on the attitude of the British government.

Honor to the Hight School

Will be Represented in Exhibit at World's Fair

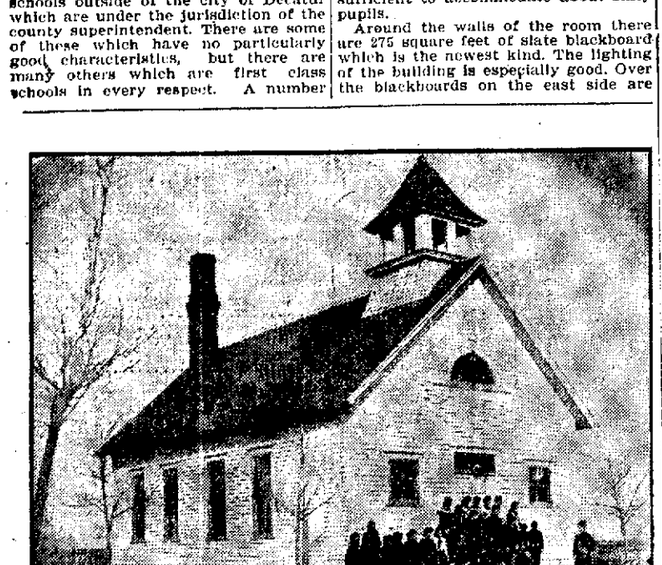
It's a Model Building With Modern Equipment.

An evolution in the establishment and management of the country school house has taken place in this state and in no part of Illinois is this shown more than in Macon county. What may be termed the model country school may be found within the boundaries of this county.

The country school house was at one time a rather crude sort of a meeting place of learning to say the least but the introduction of system, proper management and careful and judicious expenditure of money have made the country school of this county at least a solid and important educational institution.

Some First Class.

There are in Macon county 142 schools outside of the city of Decatur which are under the jurisdiction of the county superintendent. There are some of these which have no particularly good characteristics, but there are many others which are first class schools in every respect. A number



EXTERIOR VIEW HIGHT SCHOOL.

of these schools are splendidly equipped, but the one which might be chosen as a fair representative of the best the county affords is the Hight school, located one mile east of Hervey City and in what is known as school district No. 102. Everything considered it may safely be called a model country school house and a description of the place will be of interest to many. This is one of the schools which will be shown by photographs at the world's fair.

Well Located.

In the first place the school is well located. It has a south frontage and was built on a large tract of ground. Many of the schools have yards which are much too small and do not afford ample play grounds for the pupils. This school has plenty of yard and it is planted in trees which give shade and add beauty to the place. The teacher is Miss Nettie Lichtenberger and there are forty-one pupils enrolled. In the picture the pupils are seen grouped outside the school house

There is a good well in the yard, another important feature. Too many of the schools, it is said, are not supplied with a good water. There are board walks in the yard leading out from the school building so that the children need not always wade through water or snow. There are only two other schools in the county having board walks.

Good Building.

The school building is not fancy. It is a plain structure but it is well built and is substantial in every way. It is forty feet long and twenty-four feet wide and is a frame structure built on a brick foundation. It is heated with a furnace, insuring a uniform temperature and affording a large basement which is finished for the use of the pupils. There is a cement floor in the basement and the pupils in the winter time can play in the basement and eat their lunches there. When socials are held the suppers are served in the basement.

Double flues in connection with the furnace give good ventilation to the school room as well as heat. Many of the schools are poorly ventilated, and the only circulation of air in the winter time comes from the opening of windows or doors.

The windows at the Hight school are protected on the outside by heavy wire screens which do away with the nuisance of having the window glass frequently broken.

Attractive Room.

The interior of the school while in session is quite an attractive place. It is supplied with single desks, which, by the way, are displacing the old double desks in all modern schools, and these are arranged at comfortable distance from each other and in number sufficient to accommodate about sixty pupils.

Around the walls of the room there are 275 square feet of slate blackboard which is the newest kind. The lighting of the building is especially good. Over the blackboards on the east side are windows high up in the wall and only about half the ordinary size. The glass in these windows is of a yellow tinge which softens the glare of the morning sunlight which is always intense. On the west side there are no blackboards and the windows and full size and have white glass. There are shades at all of the windows.



INTERIOR VIEW HIGHT SCHOOL.

ed the school money at hand judiciously and carefully with the result that they have a first class school which it is a pleasure and a benefit for the pupils to attend.

There are other schools in the county for which equal claims can be made, but the Hight school can at least be taken as an example of a model country school.

With such a school in a community it is not necessary for the farmers' children to come to the city in order to get a good education.

At the front of the building there is a lobby and on each side coat rooms for the pupils. There is a stairway leading to the basement from the inside as well as from the outside so that during recess the pupils can go to the basement without going out in the cold.

Equipment First Class.

The school is splendidly equipped. There is an organ which is used as accompaniment for singing, and in this connection it may be said that Macon county is far in advance of many other counties in the state in the way of teaching music. The rudiments of vocal culture, drawing and agriculture come in as a part of the regular study while in some counties they are ignored.

The library in the Hight school is a good one. It consists of 75 volumes of a kind which will be of assistance to the pupils and they are kept in a good bookcase. Maps, charts, dictionaries and other apparatus are found in the school room, and pictures break the monotony of bare walls in places. The teacher has her desk at the north end of the room. It is not elevated on a platform. That is another idea which is out of date. A good teacher is not supposed to find it necessary to be elevated in order to manage the pupils.

Pupils Like It.

The Hight school is in short comfortable, cozy, neat, well kept, tidy and homelike and the pupils seem to enjoy attending the classes. They have a pride in the place not always found in a school and want to try to help in keeping the school room as it should be. The place is so much more pleasant as a mental workshop than the ordinary school, that the pupils do better work and learn more than if they were boxed up in a close and unattractive room. Altogether the school as such is a great success and is of a pattern which any school board could copy profitably.

The school house is so located that none of the pupils are compelled to go great distances to and from home. The farthest away any of the pupils live is a mile and one-half and there is a big bell in the tower at the front which announces the calling together of the classes.

Liberal School Board.

The board of directors of the school, to whom much of the credit of the thoroughness of the Hight school is due, are William Bushart, J. E. Farrell and B. Martin. The teacher, Miss Lichtenberger, manages the school well, and she has good support from the board. The directors have not followed the policy of tightening the purse-string of the people's money, neither have they wasted it, but they have expended

The question of hotel rates is one which is concerning the women. Some inquiry has been made about the charges which will be made during the fair and the best rate that has yet been received from any of the hotels is $7 a day. This is regarded as being excessive and an effort will be made to secure for the Illinois women rates which will not create any financial hardship for club women of limited means who want to attend the meeting.

Expenses Big.

The expenses to the general federation for holding the meeting in St. Louis will not be very great, not as much as might be supposed. Many of the prominent speakers will give their services free of charge.

The cost, however, to the St. Louis club women who are undertaking the entertaining of the federation delegates will be very great especially on account of the meeting being held during the fair. Mrs. Philip N. Moore, president of the Missouri state federation, is the chairman of the local committee, and thep reparations for the delegate are being made on the most elaborate scale.

The calendar for the work of the different divisions of the Woman's club during the coming week will be as follows:

Sorosis Division—Meeting Monday afternoon, Feb. 22—Mrs. J. S. Starr, chairman. The subject will be patriotic music. Mrs. George Haworth will read a paper and it will be illustrated with songs and instrumental music.

Art and Literature Division—Meeting Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23, Mrs. D. W. Tait, chairman. The topics will be as follows: "Cleveland and Cincinnati," Mrs. Anderson; "Rockwood Pottery and Otto Walter Beck," Mrs. Rhoades; "Political Literature," Mrs. Smith.

Psalemas Division—Meeting Tuesday night, Feb. 23, Miss Mary McCoy chairman. The study of Mythology will be continued.

Musical Division—Meeting Wednesday morning, Feb. 24, Mrs. George Haworth chairman. From 9:30 to 10:30 a. m. the time will be given to the study of German, reading and conversation. From 10:30 to 11:30 a. m. music will be studied. The subject will be: "What Was Wagner's Relation to the Musical Drama."

Shakespeare Division—Meeting Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 24, Mrs. J. G. Badenhausen, chairman. There will be a parliamentary drill led by Mrs. C. J. McConnell and Mrs. Corley will lead in the study of the play, "Timon of Athens."

DECATUR AT THE FAIR

Decatur will not lack representation in the way of exhibits at the World's fair during the coming summer. Manufacturing interests, schools and the public library will all have a place.

Several factories are considering the plan of showing goods but the only one which has made any definite arrangements is the Mueller Manufacturing company. This establishment will have quite a large exhibit in the Palace of Manufacturing Industries. A space forty feet long and about half as wide will be filled with the various lines of goods made by the Mueller company. Oscar Mueller will be in charge of the exhibit all summer and will have an assistant with him.

All of the various appliances made by the factory will be shown and some will be put in operation. Water power will be furnished so that the devices can be shown as they actually work. The exhibit will be an attractive one and will likely compare favorably with the other manufacturing plants exhibiting.

School Exhibit.

There is to be an exhibit of the schools of the state and Macon county will figure in this. County Superintendent A. A. Jones is collecting photographs of the inferior and exterior of some of the best schools in the county and these will be shown along with examination papers, drawing, maps and other work of the pupils. Every county in the state has been asked to make similar exhibits.

Public Library.

There will be an exhibit made up of contributions from the different Carnegie libraries in the country and the Decatur library has been asked to send pictures for this connection. Handsome photographs of the exterior of the new library building and a number of interior views have been taken and will be shown along with the others.

Slightly Mixed.

A couple of the prominent physicians of the city yesterday received circulars and personal letters from a firm which manufactures electric massage machines. There was nothing unusual in the fact that they received the circulars but what struck them as rather humerous was the fact that each of the letters said something to the effect that barbers with so high a sanding and such fine shops ought not to be without one of the firm's electric massage machines.

BROTHERS DIE THE SAME DAY

L. B. Purnell, the Taylorville Druggist, Found Dead Saturday Morning.

At Taylorville early Saturday morning occurred the death of L. B. Purnell, the well known druggist, and a few hours later his brother died at Meredosia. Mrs. Charles Dunnigan of this city is a sister of Mrs. Purnell, and went to Taylorville yesterday afternoon.

For a year or two Mr. Purnell has been in delicate health and his death was no surprise to those who have been aware of his condition. He had a brother at Meredosia near the point of death and returned home to Taylorville Friday night after a visit to that city.

Saturday morning when Mrs. Purnell arose, her husband was dead in his bed. A few hours later word came from Meredosia that his brother in that city was dead.

Had Several Cuts Coming.

Surgeon Brice, of the White Star liner Germanic, has crossed the Atlantic 804 times, traveling altogether 2,500,000 miles. This hale man of 77 is the senior ship's surgeon of the world, and as a traveler also he holds the world's record. Surgeon Brice believes every man should shave himself. He has for some reason, a contempt for barbers, and to account for this he tells innumerable stories that reflect on barbers invidiously. The other day he said:

"In some old-fashioned English shops barbers are fined sixpence every time they cut a customer. The last time I got shaved abroad it was in one of those old-fashioned shops. The journeyman who looked after me told me about the rule, but the last word was hardly out of his mouth before he gave me an ugly gash on the chin.

"There goes sixpence,' he said, laughing as he mopped up the blood, 'but I don't care a rap how many men I cut today. I found a half sovereign this morning.'"—Boston Post.

The Bone Dust Bard Reviewed

Preservation of the soil is taken care of by Nature and needs no false stimulation.

An Excellent Paper on Timely Subject by Prof. B. F. Staymates

(Extracts from a lecture on soil fertility, delivered in the LaSalle county Farmers' Institute, on Jan. 5, by Prof. B. F. Staymates, of Clinton, Ill.)

There is no need of the much and falsely understood rest for soils. In nature rest is unknown. Work and ceaseless work is the motto of the physical universe. The movements of the planets and the other functions of nature know no such thing as pause. Rotation of crops, which to a great extent varies the range of chemical affinities in the diminutive mineral, supplies to plant life and produces different airings to the soil, is far better than a crop of weeds to fatten on the ammonia and tighten the superfices of the earth against the ingress of nature's most powerful fertilizing agents—light, heat and moisture.

The ridiculous theory that the crops rob the earth of injurious quantities of mineral plant sustenance, would, if there was a scintilla of truth in it, long since have left the earth a barren and sterile mass without any soils.

According to the best geologists, over 80,000 years have passed since the great glacial or soil producing epoch. All this time water has dreached, filtered and percolated the earth and swept away through the rivers to the sea and yet we have an earth full and replete with them and sufficiently full according to the Federal Bureau of soils at Washington to supply all the mineral needs of plant growth.

With all the collossal system of leeching and washing out which had gone on for uncounted centuries, Dr. Draper estimating it at least 240,000 years, we have yet, for instance, in the case of lime as a maximum about 15 parts to every 100,000 of water, and such has been the proportion as far as mind can penetrate antiquity. It is a great wonder the minds of the chemical fad fertilizer firms, so fertile in imagination in picturing the dire destruction and absorption of potash and phosphorus by growing crops, have not in their great care of the farming community kindly offered, through pamphlets, to furnish lime for our wells as our children and animals need it to make bone substance, and adduce in proof, that we are constantly using and drawing away this lime in the water, and that some lime furnishers are needed to supply the waste to our perishing bones, just as they say that potashes and phosphates are to the waste of minerals in our crops. Ridiculous as this idea is—it is a matter of chemical demonstration that the soluble potash element in water or moisture of our soils, will not average 20 parts to the million of water and many demonstrations by the government show good crops where this element of the soil moisture was less than 8 parts to the 1,000,000 and phosphoric acid about which the eloquent bone dust bards sing so seductively was less than two parts of the 100,000 of the soil's moisture or its water, while the much vaunted nitric acid did not at its maximum reach more than 25 parts to the million of the moisture. These are the facts as the Government Bulletin No. 22 gives them. This bulletin should be in the hands of every farmer, and particularly those who have been struck by the chemical or mineral fertilizer illusion.

It is a long settled principle confirmed by a multitude of experiments that the subsoil that is the second foot and for that matter a good many other feet have the same per cent. of mineral plant supplies as the upper soil. Now as the water of the earth percolates all parts of the soil and subsoil even to the bed-rock, if there be one, it is analogous to the great bed of the real ocean, only, that the land ocean carries with it and embraces the earth on which we stand and carries with it, just as the ocean water, everything of a soluble kind in its mighty bosom, going down to infinited depths in the earth's exhaustless mineral reservoir and carrying upward infinitely more than a dozen post glacial enternities could use or appropriate.

It therefore may be set down as a self-evident truth, that the soil contains not only an abundance, but a superflous abundance of the chemical compounds fabricated by the hands of nature for the crop world. If one should say the subsoil, when thrown up is not as rich as the glack earth, he should await the result of the deposit of humus in it and also the same action of sunlight that has helped to develop the upper soil and like results will always follow. Water, which has the divine capacity of carrying in its bosom 700 times its volume of the great world feeder, ammonia or soluble nitrogen, is the greatest desideratum to secure—aided by freezing and plowing or stirring the ground as it goes on its succoring mission to the roots of the plants which must use as much as 300 lbs. of it for every pound of dry matter produced.

As to water, such a needful agent and food for plants, no fertilizer firms need go to any trouble to furnish it, as fully three-fourths of our world is under it, and as to nitrogen they need not worry, as the amount of that element if condensed would envelop the world with an ocean of it four miles in depth, and as to carbonic acid, the other great plant food, if it were arranged accordingly to its specific gravity, would envelop the world's surface in an ocean of itself nearly fourteen feet in thickness, and the free oxygen would form another ocean one mile in thickness. The Almighty has constituted thus, these, the real plant foods, and has exacted from the earthly substance beneath our feet as the facts show the most diminutive and insignificant actual contributions to plant life, yet while exacting them evidently as in the human body to strengthen or stiffen the physical structure He has provided them in a superflous or absolutely exhaustless abundance, and in nearly all of our Illinois soils and in available proportions. He has stored them in fullness and even to the incredible depths beneath the glacial plough, which in the dim eras tore the earth as the storm moves the sea, and yet be they ever so deep He has endowed His divine agent water, with an omnipotent power or solvency to penetrate their recesses, grasp and utilize them if it were possible to conceive of their scarcity. As the waters of the sea carries salt in its bosom at all points, so the earth's soil moisture, carries in its all penetrating bosom the solvents of the earth and a diminutive fraction of this inculculable load of solvents only can be taken up by the roots of plants as science proves.

As to bone dust, if it were bone dust in the first place, outside its nitrogen there is in it nothing that the soil does not already and abundantly contain; in the second place its plentiful supply of nitrogen, if ever needed to temporarily stimulate an unrotated soil, could be multiplied a hundred times by either a crop of clover or peas, at an infinitely less cost than the fabulous dust sold at more fabulous profits. In the third place, if a farmer would stop to think, the bones of his salable fat stock for one year, if ground up would not make a white effect on the surface of his garden or truck patch, let alone his 100 or 200 acres of land. And yet, these are his share. Some of the scientific apologists admit that a filler is often used in the immense quantities shipped over this country. The imagination will doubtless have a good field of play in estimating the bulk of this filler when counting up the real amount of bones that could on the most liberal supposition be actually furnished. It is high time our farmers should get their eyes open.

I lived 28 years on a farm in the splendid little county of DeWitt and know what superb farmers we have. It is no exaggeration to say that last year over 500 farms in that county, which have been 50 years in cultivation, yielded better crops, especially of corn, than ever in their history. Living witnesses can attest such by affidavit, and yet there quack preparations have never been tolerated and it is unlikely that they ever will be. If this blatant assumption that a few good crops rob the earth of its illimitable ocean of plant life sustaining minerals, had a spark of truth in it, these facts could not be.

I have interviewed hundreds of peasants in the little Alpine valleys of Switzerland and the Tyrol, whose rich little acres were too small to tempt rapacity, and in no instance was there any chemicals put on the earth save nature's kind in the shape of barn manure, trash and green plowing, and these truthful folk say the soils gave them even better returns under improved methods of culture than in their childhood, and yet these valleys have been according to history and tradition under cultivation for 6000 years, and now 6000 years is only the daylight hours of unwritten history.

It is high time that our farmers should investigate for themselves, and cease to be as helpless birds in a nest who take whatever is put in their mouth. We have not time to discuss the legumes, which are the farmers true chemical labratory to extract nitrogen from the air for badly abused soils; nor to treat the proper rotation of crops, which is nature's competent safeguard against the so called soil exhaustion.

F. W. ANDERSON IS DEAD

A Well Known Grain Dealer Who Was In Business In Decatur Years Ago.

THE END CAME AT CHICAGO.

Word was received in Decatur Saturday of the death of Frank W. Anderson who formerly lived in Decatur and who has been residing in Chicago. Mr. Anderson was a grain dealer and lived in this city about fifteen years ago and was a member of the Baptist church. He leaves a wife, a son and two daughters.

Deeds Recorded.

There was a revival of the business of recording real estate transfers in the circuit clerk's office Saturday. For three days previous only two deeds were filed for record, but lost time was made up Saturday. The day's business was as follows:

George C. Kinsman to Frank P. Wells, lot 5 in Durfee and Moore's addition to Decatur; $6,000.

William O. Gring to George W. Cooper, a tract in the southwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 16, township 16, range 2 east; $2,450.

Mary E. Evans to Ada E. Baldwin, the west half of the south half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 19, township 16, range 2 east; $500.

Sarah Pobst to Eliza Seitz, three acres off the south end of lot 11 of the east half of the southwest quarter of section 9, township 16, range 3 east; $500.

Charles E. Slonaker to Mragaret A. Slonaker, lot 4 in block 14 in the village of Warrensburg; $1.

James P. Wharton to Clara M. Edwards, a tract in the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 14, township 17, range 1 east; $1,050.

William S. Ishmael to James P. Wharton, a tract in the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 14, township 17, range 1 east; $1,000.

John Tosh to William S. Ishmael, a tract in the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 14, township 17, range 1 east; $800.

Reuben J. Ross to Dennis Reardon, the south half of the southeast quarter and the south half of the southwest quarter of section 13, township 18, range 3 east; $10,000.

James H. Durfee to Margaret A. Slonaker, quit claim to lot 14 in block 11 of the village of Warrensburg; $1.

Rebecca E. Cripe to James W. Cripe, the north half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 9, township 17, range 4 east; $1,000.

Vincent T. O'Donald to Alice G. Evans, a lot in block 8 of Western addition to Decatur; $2,500.

Charles J. Knierim to John A. Barnett, lots 4 and 5 in block 2 of East Park Boulevard; $2,000.

To Zanesville.

T. J. Marlow, switchman for the Wabash, left last night for Zanesville, O., having been called to that place on account of the critical illness of his sister.

Ball Player Dead.

Peoria, Feb. 20—"Matie" McVicker, a well known baseball player, is dead of typhoid fever at his home in Victor, Iowa.

Women at World's Fair

Federation Meets in May

Mrs. Eugenia Bacon on the Program

The club women of Illinois will have a special day at the World's Fair at St. Louis during the coming summer. Mrs. George R. Bacon, the state president, has received a letter from J. R. Stevenson, one of the fair commissioners, stating that the Illinois club woman can have a special day in the Illinois building if they so desire. Mrs. Bacon says that the invitation will be accepted and likely the day after the close of the biennial convention will be chosen as the date as the women will be in St. Louis at that time to attend the big meeting.

The Illinois day will probably consist simply of a reception and the state officers and members of committees will receive the Illinois women and other visitors. The date will probably be May 26.

The Biennial.

The biennial convention of the general federation of women's clubs will be held May 17 to 25 inclusive. The sessions will be in the Odeon building. The entire building has been rented for that time and the headquarters of many of the state delegations will be in different parts of the building. The Illinois women will have their headquarters in the same building where the sessions are held. Heretofore there were several different meetings in progress at the same time, but this year there will be one general meeting so that delegates attending all of the general sessions will not miss any of the federation work. The side meetings will not be held.



MRS. GEORGE R. BACON
Who Will Speak at the Biennial Federation Meeting at St. Louis.

The Illinois federation consisting of 248 clubs is entitled to fourteen delegates. There are in the state 53 clubs which belong direct to the federation and 48 of this number also belong to the state federation. In addition to the delegates from the state federation there will be about 100 delegates from the clubs direct which belong to the state federation, making two sets of delegates and about 115 Illinois delegates who will have seats in the general federation meeting. The members of the clubs belonging to the general federation pay ten cents a year. The general federation has now about $10,000 on hand and as so much money is not needed and as the fees are regarded as being high compared with the state federations it is likely that the membership fees now exacted from clubs and from state federations will be cut down.

Mrs. Bacon's Part.

Mrs. Bacon was at the state federation meeting at Cairo elected one of the fourteen delegates to the general federation and she will attend. Mrs. Dimieson of New York, the president, has asked Mrs. Bacon to serve on the committee on resolutions and has also invited the Illinois president to deliver a five-minute talk on the subject "State and Federation Control of Traveling Libraries." Mrs. Bacon will act on the committee and will also give the address which she has been asked to give.

Hotels and Railroads.

There will be a special Illinois official train. The route has not yet been decided upon but it will likely be the Wabash and all of the Illinois delegates will go on the official train.

The Jefferson hotel at St. Louis will be headquarters for the general federation. The Illinois women will probably stop at some other hotel which will be convenient to the meeting place of the federation.

The Two Per Cent Premiums.

The following is the two per cent tax on the premiums written by the following agencies paid to the fire department for the past year: Kuny & Strohm, $401.27; E. J. Haines, $225.37; H. L. Oldham, $205.44; Montgomery & Shull, $196.16; C. W. Montgomery & Company, $188.78; H. B. Wise, 95.36; Aaron Smick, $90.18; S. R. Gher, $79.36; Johnson & Dimock, $74.18; E. G. Allen, $72.92; William Clark and Company, $33.21; F. W. Baldwin, $22.45; Laughlin & Cloud, $13.44; Patterson & Wilson, $11.09; J. W. Barth, $10.10; Geo. Lower, $8.60; Maxheimer & Austin, $6.28; E. E. Dilatush, $7.65; W. F. Pickle, $3.33; W. I. Hines, $2.49.

Made Way for Hosea.

This is one of Dr. Lindsay Parker's after dinner stories:

An old Irish Protestant preacher had announced the major and minor prophets as the subject of his discourse for that day. For an hour and a half he talked of the major prophets, assigning each to his proper place. Then, taking up the second division of his sermon, he said:

"And now we come to the minor prophets. First, then, what place shall we give to Hosea?"

A tall man rose from one of the back seats, and with a reverential bow, politely said:

"If you plaz, sor, he can have my place; I'm going out."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Births.

Clark—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Asa Clark of Cisco on Tuesday, Feb. 16, a son.

THIS IS THE LAST WEEK OF

Hutchin & Hardy's

"Too Good to Keep"
Sale Still Continues

THE STETSON SHOE

Last week selling was an immense success. This week's—by the magnet of extraordinary low prices on the very highest class of footwear, shall eclipse last week's selling. **Note these bargains," They are too good to keep.'**

LOT 1 and 2—Men's $5 Stetson shoes, "Too good to keep" price, **$3.75**
LOT 4—Crossett's $3.50 Men's shoes, "Too good to keep" price..... **$2.95**
LOT 6—Men's $2.50 shoes, "Too good to keep" price..... **$1.65**
LOT 7—Ladies' $3.50 shoes, "Too good to keep" price..... **$2.75**
LOT 10—Ladies' $2.50 shoes, narrow widths, "Too good to keep" price, **$1.95**
LOT 11—Ladies' $3 shoes, Rochester made, "Too good to keep" price, **$2.35**
LOT 12—Ladies' $2.50 shoes, "Too good to keep" price..... **$1.65**
LOT 14—Children's $1 and $1.25 shoes, "Too good to keep" price..... **75c**
Men's Felt Boots, "Too good to keep" price..... **$2.15 and $1.65**

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D. S. Shellabarger for Congress.



HON. D. S. SHELLABARGER.

[illegible] citizens of Macon County [illegible] been the earnest desire of [illegible] of Macon county for over [illegible] century, to secure a consideration of this county. [illegible] results to a city and [illegible] a home man in congress [illegible] to every thoughtful [illegible] years ago, when we were [illegible] district and consequently only a possible chance of success, I made an earnest effort in [illegible]. Under the most adverse conditions the desire was so strong the objects to be attained great that neither time nor effort was spared to avail ourselves of the chance in many of success. This all will remember was

More Urgent Now.

[illegible] results still exists, the benefits are as many now, if not more, and urgent reasons [illegible] are now pressing upon [illegible] for securing for the city [illegible] a representative in congress. The conditions, however, have changed. The district is strongly republican and nomination virtually means election, and a wise course is to [illegible] chances of success are [illegible] as defeat was probable [illegible] the effort six years ago, I [illegible] hoping that some one [illegible] able and worthy, might be induced to make the effort to secure [illegible] that public position in the [illegible] of this city and county, but [illegible] having signified a willingness [illegible] this task, I have decided [illegible] myself as a candidate, subject [illegible] action of the republican convention of this district, [illegible] the hope that to my efforts [illegible] the nomination, I may have [illegible] support of every good citizen [illegible] county, especially every

Will Serve District.

In making this announcement, I wish [illegible] that I have but one object to [illegible] and that is to serve the highest [illegible] interests of the entire district, especially of this city and [illegible] I have no personal ambition [illegible] no purpose to build or destroy political organization, either [illegible] have no political friends to [illegible] reward or enemies to punish. [illegible] been influenced to seek this [illegible] order that we might [illegible] advantages of this opportunity of [illegible] this most important public [illegible] to a resident and citizen of [illegible] and county and a deep feeling [illegible] that this opportunity should not be [illegible] to slip from us, and with the [illegible] that this decision would be approved [illegible] the effort necessary to secure it would be seconded by every [illegible] if not every good citizen [illegible] the county.

United Action.

To secure this nomination, I recognize the fact that it will require the exercise of political wisdom and earnest and united action. To win we must fully understand the political conditions existing throughout the district and utilize every political influence available and make every political move subservient to this one end. We have no local interest or candidate for other public position in the entire district that need be prejudiced by the efforts necessary to secure this nomination, and certainly the interests of non-resident candidates should be made subordinate to the ends to be made to secure this nomination to a Macon county man, otherwise the effort had better not be made as it would not be successful.

In making this announcement, I therefore solicit the most earnest and united support of the republicans of this city and county in securing the nomination for congress in the approaching republican congressional convention.

D. S. SHELLABARGER.

SOMETHING ABOUT CANDIDATE.

Business Man With a Record Above Reproach.

Mr Shellabarger in making his announcement sets forth the fact that Macon county has not had a representative in congress for more than [illegible] of a century and appeals to [illegible] conditions of the county for [illegible] support in bringing about his nomination for the sake of the [illegible] in uniting with him in every [illegible] manner to accomplish it. It [illegible] is hardly necessary to attempt to enlighten the people on the qualifications of Mr. Shellabarger for this position [illegible] as to his character as a man. He has been in a business sense a public man in central Illinois for more than a period of a generation. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1837 and at the age of 19 he came to Illinois and located in Decatur where he engaged in business and since that time has been an important factor in the growth of the city. Without going into the details of his success as a business man in several lines it is only necessary to say that all his business ventures have been successful because he has the business instinct and sound judgment. His greatest success has been the grain and milling business. He was the founder and owner of the Shellabarger Mill and Elevator Co. of Decatur, one of the largest concerns in the state and one of the most profitable. Aside from the Decatur property he had a number of other mills and elevators in other states and owned and countrolled the Decatur street railway. Recently he sold the street railway property and transferred his business to his sons and retired from a long, successful business career. He has been identified with the National Bank of Decatur for many years, being a stockholder and director, and an officer, being vice president at this time.

Record Without Reproach.

D. S. Shellabarger has always been one of the enterprising men of Decatur, and has always been willing and eager to promote its interests in every possible way. He has been consistently liberal with his money and was never known to haggle or hesitate when he believed the cause to be just and laudable. His record in this respect is above reproach. The best tribute to this admirable quality of the man is the universal respect of all who have in any way been brought in contact with him to the extent of knowing him. Religiously he affiliates with and is an active working member of Grace M. E. church and was one of the founders of that society.

Always a Republican.

From the time of the organization of the republican party to the present Mr. Shellabarger has been an advocate and supporter of its principles, having cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860. Though not a politician in the ordinary acceptation of that term, he believes that under our form of government it is the duty of every man to study our politics and take an active interest in the political affairs of the country and at every opportunity to record his views at the ballot box. He goes farther than this and believes that it is the duty of every man when called upon by the people to fill any office to give it the very best service he can. Thus he has served a number of terms as a member of the city council, once as mayor, a number of times as supervisor and for the past ten years or more as a member of the board of education, of which he is now president.

It is due Mr. Shellabarger to say that he has never been a seeker after office but has accepted office only when called upon by the people. The present instance is no exception.

D. S. Shellabarger has never held an office that he has not filled to his credit. He is scrupulously honest and never loses sight of the public interest. If nominated and elected to congress he will give the people of this district the best service he can command. The paramount interests of this district are farming, mining, manufacturing and business. He has a thorough knowledge of all of them, and no man in the district is better equipped by knowledge and experience to look after these interests as a member of congress.

On all the great national questions of the hour he is well posted and by the aid of this knowledge, a thorough business experience and sound judgment he can be relied upon to do his part in congress in the proper direction and in the interest of the nation.

In the person of Hon. D. S. Shellabarger, Macon county will make the proper effort to offer for the consideration of the republicans of this congressional district a well qualified, courteous, generous and broad-minded gentleman for nomination and election as representative in congress for the Nineteenth congressional district.

SERIOUS CHARGE

Arrest of C. H. Buckley, Son of A. Buckley on Complaint of John Majors Furnishes Sensation.

A WEDDING LIKELY TO FOLLOW.

Accused Came to Decatur Last Night and Gave Bond.

C. H Buckley, the son of A. Buckley a prominent farmer living near Warrensburg, was arrested Saturday on a charge of committing criminal assault. The complaining witness is Celia Majors, the daughter of John Majors a well known farmer.

Young Buckley formerly was employed on the Majors farm. The charge was made severe as it was because of the age of the girl, which is 15 years.

It was said by friends of the young man Saturday night that the outcome of the arrest would likely be a marriage and that the prosecution would probably never go any farther.

Buckley was brought to Decatur Saturday evening and gave bond.

New Athletic Records.

Washington, Feb. 20—At the indoor athletic meet at the Georgetown University tonight, the fifty-yard invitation race was won by Arthur Duffy. He twice broke the world's record of 5 seconds and once it was equalled by D. Tracy of Yale. Duffy's time was 5 2-5 seconds.

Penalty Coming.

If the taxes are not paid after a certain date a penalty is added when the tax books go into the hands of the county treasurer. Better save the penalty and pay now. The tax office is in the court house.

Taxes Are Due.

The taxes were due when the books went into the hands of the collector. Settlements for real estate and for personal property taxes should be made at once. The collector is anxious to get in all the money due.

MOVES TO THE PALACE BARN

C. W. Lindsey is to Succeed J. C. Allsbury as the Tenant There.

Within a few days Charles W. Lindsey will take possession of the Palace Barn on West Wood street. J. C. Allsbury, who has been conducting a boarding stable at that place retiring. It is his intention to engage in farming and perhaps he will go to Missouri.

Charles Lindsey, who will remove to the Palace barn from East Main street will add a livery line to the place and will have the headquarters of his baggage transfer there as well as conducting a boarding stable.

Here is a thing worth noting. A few years ago Charles Lindsey started with a one horse rig hauling baggage from the Brunswick hotel. There were times when he did not have half enough work to keep one man busy. But he kept pegging away and gradually his business has grown until now it is worth having and he becomes the tenant of the biggest barn in the city. Some day he'll own the building.

FUNERALS.

Harold Jones.

The funeral of Harold Jones was held Saturday afternoon from Wikoff and Moran's chapel. The services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Finley and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

In seven years, it is said, there has been one instance of legal execution in Utah, and that took place last month, when a convicted murderer was allowed to decide for himself whether he should be hanged or shot. He naturally preferred shooting, and was speedily dispatched. A strange feature of his trial was that testimony against him was admitted which was supposed to be directed by revelation from the heavens. Some parts of Utah have evidently not shaken off all their old traditions and superstitions.

An Oreana Wedding.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Harris Turner to Miss Grace Burgess, which will take place at the home of the bride's parents in Oreana Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, at 7 o'clock. One hundred and fifty invitations have been issued.

THE WARNER CLUB

An Additional 175 Names Added At the Meeting Held Last Evening.

WARNER COMES ON WEDNESDAY

Reception At Decatur Hotel and Speech at Court Room.

The Warner club met in the club rooms in Columbia block Saturday night. Considering the inclemency of the weather the attendance was fair. About 175 additional names were added to the rolls. It was explained for the benefit of those present who might be misinformed that the sole purpose of the club was to promote the interests of Col. Warner in his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination. It was clearly stated that the report circulated that those who favored Warner for governor were pledged to support him for congress in case he failed to be nominated for governor as against a Macon county man, was incorrect. That there was no such pledge and no such intentions on the part of the Warner people, but that they stood as loyally for a Macon county man for governor and all were asked to warn republicans against these false allegations put out to injure Warner and aid other gubernatorial candidates.

Chairman Davis was authorized to select a reception committee to consist as near as possible of men from each precinct in the city to meet and assist Col. Warner at the Decatur hotel where he will meet the people who call on him during his visit to the city next Wednesday afternoon.

It was reported that the circuit court room had been secured for the meeting Wednesday evening when Col. Warner will make a speech to which all are invited.

Taxes on real estate and personal property should be paid this week. See the collector on the first floor of the court house.

BETTER FIRE PROTECTION

Will Cost Chicago an Immense Sum of Money.

Chicago, Feb. 20—The council committee on high water pressure for the business district completed their report today. The plan recommended provides for a capacity of 30,000 gallons per minute with a pressure on pumps of 300 pounds per square inch. Trunk mains and lateral conductors must be of sufficient size to give a hydrant pressure of 200 lbs. per sqare inch after being forced 9000 feet through a 36 inch main at a velocity of nine feet per second. The plant is to cover the territory, one by two miles, and estimated to cost $3,203,480.

The Fellow That's Doing His Best.

There's a song for the man who is lucky and bold,
For the man who has fate on his side;
There are cheers for the folk that are jingling the gold
And are drifting along with the tide,
But the man who is striving to get to the land
And facing the hungry wave's crest,
we quite overlook, for we don't understand
The fellow that's doing his best.
But he has his reward when the story is done,
Though we smile as he plods on his way.
For his own self-esteem is the prize he has won,
As obscurely he's stood in the fray.
And he knows the affection of home and of friends
And the pleasures of honest-earned rest;
There are peace and good will, as the twilight descends
For the fellow that's done his best.

St. Louis, Feb. 20—On extradition procedings instituted by the Prussian government through German Consul Rieloff, United States Marshal Morsey today arrested Paul Biehl, on the charge of being a fugitive from Oberlogau, Germany, where he is wanted on charges of having committed thirty-four forgeries a year ago. Biehl admitted his identity. He will be returned to Germany.

GOVERNOR WINS

Carries McLean County Over Warner By An Overwhelming Majority.

HE WAS STRONG EVERYWHERE.

Hamlin's Withdrawal From the Fight Helped Yates.

Bloomington, Feb. 20—Special to the Herald—At 2 a. m. with practically all of the county and city heard from Yates has scored an overwhelming victory over Warner. The latest returns show that Yates will have from 160 to 170 delegates in the convention out of a total of 238. The result is a surprise to the Warner managers who had confidently hoped to carry the county. They were certain at least that they would get this city, but the returns show that they did no better than get half of the precincts. There is yet one precinct in the city to hear from and the figures at hand show that the governor has run even with his opponent.

In the county outside of the city the friends of Col. Warner were not making great claims, but the returns show that in this respect they had overestimated their strength for Yates has carried the outlying precincts with but few exceptions.

There is no question about the ability of the governor's friends to organize the convention and control the state delegation.

Minor State Officers.

The county has gone for Len Small for state treasurer, Williamson for secretary of state and Stead for attorney general.

One of the surprises of the day was the defeat of Duncan M. Funk for the legislature, William Coyle of Gridley having carried the county. Mr. Funk has been a member of the legislature a number of times and was considered invincible.

One of Hottests.

The fight for the state delegation for governor was one of the hottest ever known in McLean county. Governor Yates made a preliminary visit here several weeks ago and then cancelled other engagements to come back last week while he put in nearly the entire week just closed in a persistent and aggressive campaign. Col. Warner came here last Tuesday after the Logan county convention and has remained here looking after his interests. The withdrawal of Hamlin made the fight much easier for the governor and contributed largely to his success.

DICK MAY SUCCEED HANNA

He Has Received Many Promises of Support for the Republican Nomination.

HERRICK IS NOT A CANDIDATE

Akron, O., Feb. 20—When Charles Dick returned from Cleveland this afternoon he was met by state representatives and senators of his congressional district who tendered him their support for election to the United States



MAJOR CHARLES DICK.

senate to succeed the late Senator Hanna. Dick made a brief address in which he stated his chances of success were very bright, that Governor Herrick informed him today he was not a candidate, and that several leaders had assured him he would be the caucus nominee.

DROPS WORK AT 60.

D. M. Lord Promises to Have Fun From Now On.

Twenty-five years ago D. M. Lord, founder of the Lord & Thomas advertising agency, said to himself: "I will quit work at 60." When he was married he told his wife the same thing, and when he sent his daughter away to Smith college he confided to her that he would be 60 before she got her A. B. and would henceforth be at her service.

Mr. Lord went home to his family yesterday afternoon to announce that he had kept his promise. At noon the firm of Lord & Thomas commenced a new business year, and with that Mr. Lord passed into official retirement.

A few minutes later you might have seen a little, young looking old man with sparse white hair and rosy cheeks descend in one of the elevators and pass out into Wabash avenue. You would have noticed his bright, twinkling eye, but, most of all, his smile. When the doorman at the Athletic club noticed it the smile was a chuckle.

Five minutes afterward Mr. Lord had become a member in good standing of "Loafers' Corner." The neophyte was required to take oath that he would never again commit labor in any form or, by any word or sign or other indication, refer, advert, allude, touch upon, or hint at the fact that he ever had been guilty of work. A. G. Cox administered the oath and O. H. Bardwell, acting as clerk, registered the baby member as "American; married; occupation, billiard player."

Mr. Lord and his cronies thereupon adjourned to the billiard room, where they devoted themselves to the exhilarating game of "cowboy" pool.

Some afternoon this week Mr. Lord will visit the stockyards branch of the Bureau of Associated Charities, which will henceforth be his business headquarters. He intends to put the branch on a business basis for adequately administering the charitable work in the southwest section of the city.—Chicago Tribune.

BIG ENTRY LIST.

Announced for the Spring and Summer Meetings At Hawthorne.

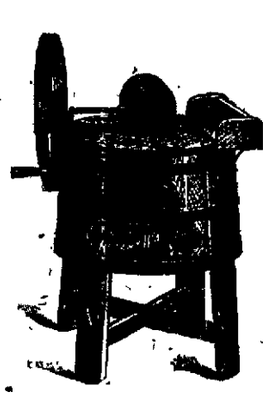
Chicago, Feb. 20—Entries to twelve stakes for the spring and summer meetings at Hawthorne this season, announced today, show a total of 1095 nominations.

Akers & Wilson
Complete House Furnishers
332-338 North Main Street.

It is not so much what we say as what we do, and it is not so much what you pay as what you get. Talk is cheap—claims that appear in much of the advertising of today are ridiculous, and bargains often heralded as marvelous turn out a myth. Such is never the character of our advertising. We depend upon the genuine bargains we offer, the plain, concise descriptions of what we have for sale, and the values we give, to create customers for our store, not for a day, a week, a month, but for years to come.



Car load of high back brace Arm Chairs like cut, per set of six $6.50



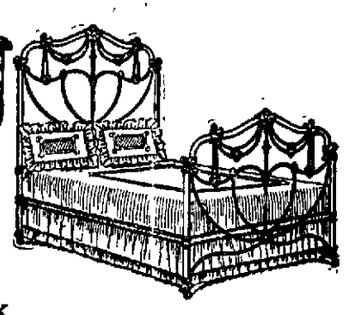
"King Bee" Rotary Washer

Cog wheels are enclosed so a child can not get its fingers in wheels, best machine on the market, 12-year old child can do a washing on this machine. $6.50



Success Steel Cook

Large 18-inch Oven, extra heavy top, pouch feed door, duplex grate, without reservoir $20



Car load of Iron Beds just received, all colors and styles. We sell a good bed, full size, for only $2.50

We make special prices on complete outfits....

Akers & Wilson
Complete House Furnishers
332-338 North Main Street.

The machine stitch is only of one thread strength, hand stitching is of double strength, that is, there are two separate independent threads, hence of double strength, while machine stitching is either chain or look stitch, either of which is only of single strength.

The trifling difference in cost of hand made oak-tanned leather

HARNESS

is as nothing compared to the length of time it will last. The product of a first class mechanic is certainly superior to machine-stitched, acid-tanned leather harness made by boys in factories.

Give me a call.

R. NARGANG, 327 E. Main.

The principal event, the Chicago Derby, valued at over $16,000, which has been substituted for the $10,000 Hawthorne handicap of last season, shows an entry list numbering eighty. The derby will be run May 21.

BABCOCK WINS.

Wisconsin Congressman Has Renomination Within His Grasp.

Milwaukee, Feb. 20—Republican congressional caucuses were held in Grant and Sauk counties in the third district today and as a result the renomination of Congressman Babcock is assured. A hot contest was on between the state administration and Babcock supporters but the four counties which have held caucuses so far have returned Babcock delegations.

RUSSIANS RECONNOITER

Tokio, Feb. 20—Three hundred Russian scouts reconnoitered yesterday in Wiju and vicinity. They crossed the Yalu river, entered the town and scouted through the surrounding country. They then recrossed the river and rejoined their main force.

Jacksonville, Ill., Feb. 20—William Bissell, a leading business man, is dead, aged 80 years.

NEWSPAPERARCHIVE®

OLD RESIDENT

William Kossieck Who Lived Here For Forty Years, Is Dead.

HE WAS 71 YEARS OF AGE.

Funeral Wednesday from St. Paul's Church.

William Kossieck died at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon at his home, 567 South Webster street, aged nearly 71 years. A complication of diseases caused death.

Mr. Kossieck was ill for sixteen weeks before his death. During the past four or five days his condition was regarded by the family as being critical.

In Decatur Mr. Kossieck was quite widely known as he had lived here for over forty years. He was born March 9, 1833, in Prussia and came to this county when he was twenty-one years old. He was in the teaming business in Decatur for a long time and for the past sixteen years he was engaged in the feed business and had an establishment adjoining his residence on South Webster street. Mr. Kossieck was married in St. Louis to Mary Myer who died five years ago. He is survived by the following sons and daughters, F. W. Kossieck, Mrs. R. A. Cramer, Mrs E. R. Smith and Miss Mame Kossieck. He also leaves two grandsons and four granddaughters and the following nieces and nephews: Henry, Charles, Louis, George and Will Kossieck, and Mrs. John Dipper, Mrs. Albert Amman, Mrs. Henry Schile, Mrs. Philip Honaker and Mrs. Charles Ott.

Mr. Kossieck was a member of St. Paul's German Lutheran church and also of the German Aid society and among his friends he was held in high respect.

The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the house and the services will be conducted by Rev. M. Wagner, rector of St. Paul's church and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

SPREADING OUT.

Town of Macon is Having Quite a Boom Now.

The town of Macon is having quite a boom now in the way of improvements. The Macon Park association which was recently incorporated will begin as soon as the weather is settled improving the fair grounds. A race track will be made and some buildings put up and it is the intention to hold a fair next fall and races through the summer.

Three new brick buildings are to be erected in Macon. One will be put up by E. L. Hight and will be rented to Fleming, Schudel & Co., the general merchants. Brooks & Son will erect another building to rent and the K. of P. lodge will put up a brick structure in which they will have their lodge hall. The lower part will be rented.

TEACHERS MEET SATURDAY.

Miss Chestine Gowdy Will Be Here to Deliver Address.

A meeting of the teachers of Macon county will be held at the court house Saturday, Feb. 27. The sessions will be in the circuit court room and will begin at 10 30 a. m and 1 30 p. m.

Miss Chestine Gowdy, one of the authors of the new system employed in the Illinois schools, will be present and explain some of the methods. Among other things which she will tell will be to answer the following questions.

1. What is the purpose of the study of the poem, or what is your aim in teaching the poem"

2. How would you teach the poem to the 4th grade? To the 6th grade? To the 8th grade?

3. Did you in outlining the course in language assume that pupils are to use a text book in language?

4 How much technical grammar do you assume the pupil to possess at the beginning of the seventh year?

5. Why study sentence analysis previous to studying the parts of speech?

6. Why not teach technical grammar below the seventh grade?

All of the teachers of the county are requested by the superintendent to be present at this meeting.

School Notes.

Miss Myrtle Filson has resigned as teacher of the Walnut grove school and Miss Mame Stitch has taken the place.

During the past week County Superintendent Jones visited the following schools all of which he found in good condition: Pleasant View, Old Blue Mound, Turner, Berry, Walnut Grove.

Pictures of Harristown and Oreana schools have been taken to add to the collection which is to go to the world's fair.

In Oakley.

A teachers' meeting will be held in Oakley township Friday, Feb. 26. Those who will take part are Miss Frances Kirk, W. J. Kelly, E. B. Smith, C. L. Howard and J. F. Wicks.

CAPT. BISHOP DEAD.

One of the Members of the Original Grand Army Post.

The following telegram was received here yesterday by Captain M. F. Kanan.

East Liberty, Pa., Feb. 22.
M. F. Kanan, Decatur, Ill.

Captain J. T. Bishop died at 8 o'clock this morning.

G. W. BISHOP.

The death of Captain Bishop removes one more of the original members of Grand Army Post No. 1 and leaves only three survivors They are Captain M. F. Kanan, I. N. Coltrin, of this city, and Captain Reibsame of Bloomington. Captain Bishop was formerly a resident of this city. He entered the union army here and was a member of the 116th regiment, having enlisted as lieutenant and soon afterward being promoted to the position of captain. After the war he returned to this city and made his home here for a number of years, leaving about 1870 for the east where he has since made his home. He was born in Dorsetshire, England, and was an uncle of Mrs. W. L. Kdelgbaum. Captain Kanan upon receipt of the news sent the following telegram:

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 22.
G. W. Bishop, East Liberty, Pa.

Regret to hear of the death of Captain Bishop. Express to the family my heartfelt sympathy. Suitable action will be taken by the G. A. R. Post here. M. F. KANAN.

Annie Rasico.

Annie Rasico, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rasico, died at 9 p. m. Sunday at the family home, 564 North Main street, aged 14 months.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock from St. Patrick's Catholic church and the body will be placed in a vault at Greenwood cemetery.

IT OPENS TODAY

Everything is in Readiness for the Illinois Farmers' State Institute.

SESSION COVERS THREE DAYS

Morning Classes in Various Branches Promise to be Big Feature of the Session—The Program.

Everything is ready for the State Farmers' institute which opens this morning. The fire at the St. Nicholas hotel was discouraging because of the number of guests who are to be entertained but prompt action on the part of the committee provides for every one.

J. J. H. Young opened the bureau of information in the office of the St. Nicholas hotel Monday. The executive committee had appealed to the residents to rent rooms to the visitors and many called and said that they had accommodations which they were willing to give.

The matter of rates will be settled between the visitors and the persons renting rooms but the rates in all cases are expected to be reasonable.

Mr. Young wants any others who have rooms which they can rent to let him know so that there will be plenty of places to send the people. There will be no trouble about taking care of the crowd and no one should stay away fearing that they cannot get accommodations.

The strangers should go first to the bureau of information at the St. Nicholas and they will be directed to places where rooms can be secured. The restaurants and all the hotels will be prepared for an extra rush.

A. B. Hostetter, the state secretary, has room 20 at the Decatur hotel. He will also have headquarters at the bureau of information and also at the Temple where the main sessions will be held.

Prof. Forbes, Dr. Burrill, both of the University of Illinois, J. F. Rehm of Chicago, Mrs. Purviance and Prof. Mumford, all speakers, will be entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shade.

TODAY'S FEATURES.

Classes in Various Branches Promise to be Interesting.

The institute work begins early this morning. The following are the places which are open to the public:

Corn class in old post office North Main street, 9 a. m.

Class in domestic science, G. A. R. hall, 9 a. m.

Class in horticulture at the Temple, North Church street, 9 a. m.

Class in live stock, Harkrader barn, 9 a m.

Class in poultry, old Y. M. C. A. rooms in Columbia block, 9 a. m.

General session at Temple, 10 a. m.

Afternoon session at Temple, 1:30 p. m

Dairy class, at the Temple, 4 p. m.

Convention of delegates at 5 p. m. at the Temple.

Night session at Temple at 7:30 p m.

THE CORN SHOW

At the Old Postoffice Will be Popular Branch.

The corn show held at the same time as the institute will attract a good deal of attention. This will be held in the south room of the old postoffice building and corn from all over the state will be exhibited and $500 in cash and two medals will be awarded and the prize corn will be shown at the world's fair.

John Walker is the man in charge. Many exhibits were received by express and he will put them all in shape this morning. The room was being cleaned and supplied with tables last evening. Mr. Walker was selected to take charge as he has had more experience in handling corn exhibits than most any one else in the county.

HORTICULTURE.

Prof. Crandall of Illinois University Speaks at Temple.

Tuesday morning, at the Temple, the class in horticulture will be addressed by Prof. C. S. Crandall, assistant professor of pomology, of the University of Illinois. The topic will be "The Propagation and Care of Orchard Fruits." This session will be a very interesting one, and will well repay anybody who is interested even to the extent of a few fruit trees growing in their garden.

Professor Crandall is a very eminent man in this line. He has been connected with Prof Bailey of the Michigan college, and was his assistant for several years. He has also been professor of horticulture and botany, of the Agricultural college of the state of Colorado. Mr. Crandall has made a careful and conscientious life long study of the orchard fruits and is probably one of the best posted men in the country, along this line. The session will be held at 9 o'clock.

A RECEPTION

To Be Given This Afternoon by Local Members.

The members of the local domestic science committee will give a reception at the G A. R. hall this afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock for the ladies who are here to attend the domestic science school. It is expected that there will be about seventy-five delegates from the county domestic science organization and probably many others who come to hear the discussions. All of the ladies who are in the city to attend the institute will be welcomed at the reception this afternoon.

Mrs. A. T. Whitsel, Miss Florence Jones and Miss Ida Mills were at the bureau of information Monday to look after the interests of the women who called.

LIVE ANIMALS

Will be Used to Illustrate the Lectures —A New Feature.

The live stock class will be of especial interest this year as it is the first time that the state institute has undertaken to have live animals to illustrate the live stock work. John Imboden is in charge of the live stock and the class will be conducted by R. C. Obrecht, instructor in horses at the University of Illinois.

The class in poultry is also a new feature and will be of interest for the reason that the poultry show was held here last month and more attention was given to that feature than ever before at any of the previous institutes.

All of the classes will begin at 9 o'clock this morning and at 8:30 other mornings in the week. They will last about an hour and will be dismissed in time for those who are attending to go to the general session which opens at 10 o'clock at the Temple

DAIRY DEPARTMENT.

Forty Gallons of Milk Purchased for the Demonstrations.

Forty gallons of milk was purchased yesterday for the dairy class today. The milk was put through a separator and the cream will be used at 4 o'clock this afternoon to churn. The butter will be made in the presence of the spectators.

Another forty gallons of milk has been ordered for today and this will be used to demonstrate the separator. The dairy class will be in the basement of the Temple building.

The Poultry Class.

The live chickens to be used at the poultry class will not be shown until tomorrow. The local committee asked a number of the breeders to send specimens to be used and they are urged to do so. The members of the Macon Country Poultry Association are especially requested to bring the birds and the committee assures the owners that the best of care will be given the chickens while they are in use.

General Session.

Rev. W. H. Penhallegon has been invited to offer a prayer and Miss Lula Cozad, to give an instrumental selection at the general session this morning.

CLASS WORK TUESDAY, FEB. 23, 9:00 A. M.

Corn Class—Columbia Hall:

Topic, "The Score Card," Prof. A. N. Hume, instructor of farm corps University of Illinois.

Class in Domestic Science, G. A. R. Hall:

Topic—"Care and Diet of the Growing Child," Mrs. Mary D. Chambers, professor of household science, James Millikin university, Decatur, Ill.

Class in Horticulture, the Temple:

Topic—"The Propagation and Care of Orchard Fruits," C. S. Crandall, assistant professor of pology of the University of Illinois.

Class in Live Stock at Harkrader's barn.

Topic—"Market Classes of Horses," under the immediate charge of R. C. Obrecht, instructor in horses, University of Illinois.

Class in Poultry, Roberts Hall:

Topic—"Selecting, Breeding and Feeding," T. E. Orr, poultry specialist, Beaver, Pa.

GENERAL SESSION, 10 o'clock A. M.

Enrollment of Delegates.

Appointment of Committees.

Report of Superintendent Frank H. Hall, Aurora, Ill., on the institute work of the state

Discussion of Farmers' Institute Management with reports from delegates on strictly new and successful features.

Reports of delegates to be submitted in writing, in advance of the institute to Superintendent Frank H. Hall, Aurora, Illinois.

At 1:30 p. m.

Address—"Poultry and Egg Production on the Farm," T. E. Orr, poultry specialist, Beaver, Pa.

Cattle Feeding—Prof. H. W. Mumford, University of Illinois.

TUESDAY, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

Dairy Class, Basement of the Temple:

Demonstrations of separating milk; Demonstration of butter making; demonstrations of bottling milk for city use—A J. Glover, superintendent of Dairy Field Work, Illinois experiment station, Elgin, Ill., assisted by Mrs. H. P. Purviance, president of Illinois Dairy Woman's association, Lincoln, Illinois.

Convention of Delegates, 5 O'clock P. M.:

The convention of delegates of the Illinois Farmers' Institute for the election of directors for the odd numbered congressional districts will be held in the Temple, Decatur, Ill., Decatur, Ill., Tuesday, Feb. 23, 1904, at 5 o'clock p. m.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Music.

Address — Hon. John Hamilton, Farmers' Institute specialist, department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Topic—"Farmers' Institutes in the United States."

Sneak Thief.

Seven pairs of gloves, a pipe and some other articles were stolen last Saturday from overcoats at the K. of P. hall in the Powers block when a meeting was being held there. It is thought that the theft was committed by some boys. The matter was reported to the police.

Deeds Recorded.

Henry M. Funk to Ruleff Long lots 15, 16, 17 and 18 in block 3 of Walter's addition to Decatur; $1700.

I. N. Young to Abdiel T. Risley a tract in section 11, township 15, range 3 east, $265.

Marriage License.

Joseph H. Harry, Decatur 25
Lena M. Gullett, Chicago 20

MATTOON'S OIL WELL SCHEME

Investors Will Listen to a Sure-Thing Proposition from Development Company.

READY TO TAKE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Mattoon oil and gas proposition has progressed to one stage and is now ready for further operations. The committee of citizens started out with stock subscriptions and succeeded in getting the five thousand dollars of capital stock subscribed in a very short time, more than fifty men agreeing to take ten shares at $10 a share each in the enterprise.

The Mattoon Journal says, the company will be ready to receive the proposition of the Oil Finding and Developing company, and Mr. McDonald, the secretary, will be sent for. The company, for one thousand dollars, agrees to locate ten oil wells, and if they turn out to be dry ones when bored they will pay back the thousand dollars which they charged for locating the wells and will pay the expense of boring the wells. This practically releases the Mattoon people subscribing from any financial loss in the enterprise, whatever.

The next step will be to complete the contract with McDonald and this will be followed by getting oil leases upon five thousand acres of land near the city upon which to prosecute oil and gas explorations if Mattoon proves to be a field. No one should hesitate to sign the leases for a term of years as the finding of oil here would give the land owners a great deal of wealth in royalties. It is understood that the landowner in the oil district of Indiana gets from 8 to 10 per cent of the product and this puts him in affluent circumstances.

If after drilling the first well it should prove to be a dry hole McDonald and his company agree to pay back to the Mattoon company the one thousand dollars and the expense of boring the well. Or if the Mattoon men want to turn back the contract at any time, the holes being dry, the McDonald company will repay the expense of all labor put in the field, but the Mattoon company must relinquish to them the 5,000 acres of oil leases.

If oil is struck the McDonald company is to get 25 per cent of all the product, after the land-owner's royalties are paid, this 25 per cent to be delivered on board the tank cars, ready for shipment.

It is anticipated now that the work of boring for oil in the Mattoon field will begin in a few months.

POLITICAL GAME

Managers Begin to See the Outlines of The Battle and Predict Ticket.

RESULTS OF THE PAST WEEK.

Gave Yates An Advantage in the Race.

A special correspondent writing from Springfield concerning the political situation, says:

Who shall be the nominee of the republican party this spring is only a minor consideration. The great fight now in progress hides the real issue.

Two seats in the United States senate, the control of the party machinery the next two years and the maintenance of the organization which has dominated Cook county for a long time are the prizes which the big fellows have in sight through the smoke and dust of this campaign.

If this governor comes from the north end of the state Hopkins' seat will be in danger. If he comes from the south or central portion of the state Cullom's will be jeopardized. Hence the positive belief in many minds that Cullom favors Lowden and that Hopkins favors either Warner or Yates. With Yates governor, Hopkins can see the executive taking Cullom's seat. Most any combination will suit Hopkins except the nomination of Lowden.

To Retain Control.

The control of the party in the state at large is a big consideration. The so-called organization believes in its divine rights to rule. To be overthrown would be calamity, to them inestimable damage. Under present systems and methods of alleged assessments upon state employes it is an easy matter to dictate the state nominations and the senatorial successions.

With the Cook county politicians, however, the control of the party in that one community is a greater thing than the senatorships or the senate organization. Cook county patronage is worth many times more than all the state offices that Cook county republicans might get. All the state patronage and pickings might easily be abandoned, if by so doing, a tight grip could be maintained on Cook county.

Alignment of Candidates.

From the confusion of the battle last week the slate-makers have professed to get a line on possible tickets. There are indications that the purely Yates men will favor the following:

Governor—Richard Yates.

Lieutenant governor—Robert B. Fort of Marshall county.

Secretary of state—M. O. Williamson, of Knox county.

Treasurer—Len Small of Kankakee.

Attorney General—B. M. Chipperfield, of Fulton county.

The power of the Lorimer forces in Cook county may change this. The Lorimer element is ostensibly for Lowden. The Hopkins' end of that machine is decidedly opposed to Lowden. But if Lowden cannot be nominated by the Lorimer men in Cook county and the delegates he may pick up in the state at large, there is any variety of combinations that may be made either to give him votes or for him to give some one else votes in return for valuable rights to other places on the ticket.

Deneen for Senator.

There is no demand for place as lieutenant governor on the ticket with Lowden for governor. The second position would be valuable if Yates is nominated, but not worth much if Lowden or Deneen should succeed. Deneen's canvass is thought to be preparatory to a bid for Hopkin's seat in the senate. With the votes he will have in Cook county he can make some very valuable trades in the coming convention that would help him in his ambition.

The workings of the congressional pool was also seen last week. In Will county Congressman Snap dominated the convention and it did not instruct its delegates to the state convention. Down in Carbondale Congressman Smith was given the power to name delegates to the state convention. Unusual powers in this respect were delegated to Congressman Fuller. Congressman Sterling in McLean county did what he could for Warner.

Last Week's Results.

The net results of the week are a large number of uninstructed delegates nearly all of whom are claimed by Yates. Will county and Peoria did not instruct. Yates claims all of Will and eighteen of Peoria. Carroll is instructed for Yates. Logan gave Yates five and Warner four, but no instructions were given by the convention.

Morgan instructed for Yates; Menard is uninstructed, but its delegation will be anti-Yates, Livington will divide its vote among a number of candidates, Yates getting very few, probably none. Franklin did not instruct. Its delegates are thought to be divided. Shelby county instructed for Hamlin. Whitesides did not instruct, but the delegation is supposed to stand eight for Yates, five for Lowden and one for Deneen. Marshall instructed for Yates.

The Uninstructed Delegates.

Yates men in making their estimates count in Will and Williamson and the number they are supposed to have on delegations that are not instructed, it should be remembered that in the absence of positive instructions, delegates are under no obligations whatever. The probabilities, so far as present conditions can be depended on, are that Yates on the first ballot will get such counties as Will and Williamson where no instructions have been given but the delegates are made up of his political friends and officers. However if at the convention other conditions may arise it would be for their good to vote for some one else they will do so. Present methods in republican party management would warrant it.

YATES IN THE LEAD.

Eleven County Conventions Will Be Held This Week.

The success of Governor Yates in the week last past in securing delegates to the state convention puts him so far in the lead in the gubernatorial race.

This week conventions are to be held in eleven counties and primaries in four counties. Conventions were held Monday in Calhoun, Hancock, Jersey and Richland counties. Tuesday conventions will be held in Kankakee, Kendall, Macoupin and McLean counties. The Henry convention will be held on Wednesday, and the Union county convention Saturday. All the primaries this week will be held on next Saturday. These come in Clark, Crawford, Iroquois and White counties.

Up to this time twenty-one counties have held state conventions and selected 214 of the 1,515 delegates to the state convention. Of the 214 the Yates followers claim 114. Their claim is as follows:

Saline, 6; Grundy, 9; Williamson, 9; Morgan, 11; Will, 26; Carroll, 9; Logan, 5; Franklin, 1; Whiteside, 8; Peoria, 31, and Marshall, 6.

"All Done Out"

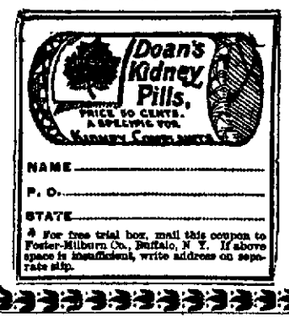


Never know what it is to be restful with a constant aching back. You are "all done out" all the time—morning, noon and night the back bothers you—sometimes with sharp shooting pains, sometimes with slow exhaustive aches.

Why don't you rid yourself of that "bad back?" The sure way is to reach the cause—the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills cure every form of kidney ill from backache to diabetes, dropsy, all urinary and bladder disorders down to that dread destroyer Bright's disease. The best of proof that this is so.

A TRIAL FREE

To Decatur Herald Readers.



Decatur Proof

W. H. Sinclair of 858 North Mercer street, barber at J. H. Liston's shop on North Main street, says: "In stooping or after a hard day's work my kidneys hurt me so that they felt as though they were being pulled apart. Being on my feet much and the position that I work in I think is the cause of my trouble. I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at a drug store and used it, when I was cured."

HAMLIN COMES

Will Be Here Today To Open Permanent Headquarters In This City.

A BIG FIGHT IS LIKELY

Politicians Think There Will Be Three Cornered Contest

Things promise to get interesting politically in this county from now on. It was announced last night that H. J. Hamlin, candidate for governor, would be in the city today. He will arrive on a morning train and will have his headquarters at the St. Nicholas hotel where he will be pleased to receive friends and voters during the afternoon. Mr. Hamlin has been in the city several times lately sizing up the situation and his visit today is for the purpose of arranging to open permanent headquarters. It is understood that he is going to put up a good game fight for the Macon county delegation to the state convention and from this until the time for holding the primaries will make an aggressive fight.

The chances are that there will be all kinds of political complications here before many days have passed and it is considered very likely that there will be a three cornered fight between Warner, Yates and Hamlin. In the opinion of many Governor Yates will get into the fight and make an attempt to capture the delegation which had hitherto been supposed to belong to Col. Warner. Some of his friends have figured that since his success in McLean county he will come here and battle for the delegation and there are some who think that he stands a fair chance of winning here as he did in McLean county. There was considerable talk of this kind on Sunday and Monday.

The one theme in politics during the past two days has been the result in McLean county. It was a surprise to all politicians here. They were not looking for it. The opinion has been that Warner would win and that the result would be close especially after Hamlin withdrew from the county which it was figured would help Yates and it is thought was done with that end in view. The defeat of Warner in McLean county resulted Monday in rumors that he had withdran from the race.

There is absolutely no truth in this rumor. Col. Warner talked with friends over the long distance telephone yesterday and he expects to be in this city Wednesday to call on voters. He will hold a reception at the Decatur hotel and will speak to the public in the evening at the circuit court room.

The McLean county convention will be held today and the friends of Yates claim that he will have at least 154 delegates while Warner will have seventy-five and Hamlin about six. James Neville, manager of Governor Yates' campaign, says that the chairman to preside over the convention will be fair and that all interests will get a hearing but with the majority in his favor there is no doubt that the governor's friends will handle the convention as they see fit.

The popular vote in the primaries of last Saturday show that the governor had developed a surprising strength. He received 3226 votes, while Warner got 2541 and Hamlin 529.

Congressman.

There was some discussion yesterday of the candidacy of D. S. Shellabarger for congress together with a good deal of favorable comment. There was not a Warner man found yesterday who did not express himself as entirely satisfied with the program and his willingness to support a Decatur man for the nomination in preference to any other. The Warner men understand from Mr. Shellabarger's letter that he is no way allied to the Hamlin element. It was said by Warner men that so long as this condition prevailed there was no doubt of Mr. Shellabarger being given the hearty support of all republicans in this county.

DUE TO PARALYSIS.

Inquest Held on Remains of Mrs. Lourash.

Coroner Dawson held an inquest Sunday on the body of Mrs. Delilah Lourash who died Saturday morning. The verdict was that the woman came to her death from a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Lourash was 71 years old and was paralyzed eight years ago and has since been helpless.

The funeral was held Monday.

John Johnson and Miss Eliza McGrath were married Saturday night at the bride's home on North Witt street, Justice P. B. Provost conducted the ceremony. The groom is a railroad man.

JAPANESE SOLDIERS

FIGHTERS BY INSTINCT.

"You wouldn't think it to look at them," said an American student of Tokio, as he showed a tourist friend a battalion of the mikado's troops at drill, "but those little fellows are as good soldiers as any army in the world.

"You see that officer?" pointing to a company commander barely five feet tall. "He comes of samurai blood. His ancestors have been warriors for 2,000 years, and he could no more help fighting than a well-bred terrier could. And his comrades are like him."

It has often been said that the Japanese are at once intensely modern and profoundly mediaeval. This is especially true of the Japanese officer who has been trained in Germany, England, France, or the United States.

He is full of Western learning and Western notions, he knows as much about his profession as a German staff officer and he would not seem out of place in the highest social circles of a European capital.

But he never imbibes the cosmopolitan spirit, or any of the fashionable cynicisms of the occident. He does not forget that he comes of samurai blood, and he goes back to Japan with his head still crammed full of the old faith taught him in his boyhood by his samurai tutor.

He despises trade and believes that money-making is fit only for the low-born and base-minded. He thinks it unmanly to seek for the favor of women by wearing fine clothes or displaying his skill and accomplishments.

He deems luxury vain and foolish, and lives a simple, hardly, athletic life. Finally he believes with his whole soul that honor and arms are inseparably connected, and consequently he worships his single sword as fervently as his samurai ancestors worshiped their brace of weapons.

In the enlisted ranks of the Japanese army and navy there is also a fair sprinkling of this samurai class. Even today nearly all Japanese of that ancestry are either fighting men or follow some profession or intellectual vocation.

The old prejudice against trade survives as keenly as ever. But the rank and file of the mikado's forces is principally made up of the coolie class, brought in by the wide dragnet of a conscription law, which renders all male Japanese between the ages of 17 and 40 liable for military service.

For over 2,000 years the samurai alone were allowed to bear arms in Japan. They were skilled in the arts of war, and to them only were imparted the polite breeding and superior training of the gentleman.

It is astonishing, therefore, that the coolie Japanese, whose ancestors were never permitted to fight, should have proved themselves just as good soldiers as those descendants of the samurai with whom they fought shoulder to shoulder in Korea, in Manchuria, and on the road to Peking. But such is the fact. Many of the bravest deeds in the history of modern Japan were performed by soldiers and sailors belonging to the coolie class.

There are usually from 1,300 to 1,500 students in training to be officers of the Japanese army. Expense is not considered in teaching them.

Besides the staff college and the military academy, there are a cadet school, a model school, an artillery and engineering school, a cavalry school, a gunnery school for field artillery, an entirely distinct gunnery school for garrison artillery and various other institutions.

Formerly a large proportion of Japanese officers were sent abroad, principally to Germany, to receive their training. These men built up the present organization of the Japanese army and established the various schools and colleges referred to.

It is no longer necessary for any soldier of the mikado to leave his island home in order to learn his trade. The Japanese officers sent to foreign countries nowadays are experts, and their mission is to discover whether the military authorities of that country possess any ideas in organization, equipment, training of discipline which are better than those of Japan.

The military attache of the Japanese embassy in Washington frankly stated the other day that there were only two or three small things in the United States army worth copying by Japan.

"And we shall soon have them, whether we are obliged to go to war or not," he added.

The officers, true to their samurai traditions, pride themselves on despising money. They will beggar themselves cheerfully to enable a friend, or even a mere acquaintance, to settle his debts or the debts of members of his family.

An officer of one of the regiments of the Imperial guard, stationed at Tokio, made up his mind some time ago to ride through Manchuria and spy out what the Russians were doing.

He obtained leave, but had not sufficient money for the enterprise. As it was not an official mission, he could not draw upon the public funds. He mentioned his quandary to a brother-officer.

That officer immediately went to his room and drew a check for every yen he possessed in the world beyond his pay. Even that was not enough, for he was a poor man.

He told his comrades, and they instantly subscribed all the money they had available. By nightfall the adventurous officer had started for Manchuria and there was hardly a yen left in the regiment.

The feeling between officers and men is excellent, and there is never any trouble about maintaining discipline, which is rather lax when judged by the standard of European martinets. The rank and file are heartily loyal to the service and the emperor, and on the whole they decidedly prefer military to civil life.

In this respect they differ most markedly from every European army. Desertions are rare.

Promotion to the commissioned ranks is practically impossible to the Japanese rookie. It is not theoretically impossible, for the mikado is absolute commander-in-chief, and there is the chance that he might reward some notable deed of valor by a commission. But it would be opposed to all the ideas and traditions of the service.

FARMERS COLUMN

STEEL FINISH PHOTOS in many styles at the East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado. Sunday hours 1 to 4. Dollar cabinets as usual.—23-sw2t

FOR RENT—Improved Christian county farm, also two others. V. H. Gibson, Granite City, Ill.—19-w2t

WHEN YOU ARE IN DECATUR and want the largest and best cooked meal to be found, one that will make you feel like you are at home, come to Singleton's restaurant, west side Lincoln square.—23-sw2t

FOR SALE—Seventy-nine acres, 1½ miles from court house, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; all in cultivation and pasture; 18 acres young bearing orchard, best variety; good 5-room house; abundant water; good barn, 40x40; machinery shed, 30x15; corn crib; chicken house and outbuildings; lays well; price $60 per acre; time payments if desired. Address or call on Fred P Watson, owner, Mt. Vernon, Ill. Immediate possession.—4-w2w

BETTER THAN GOING WEST—Shap for 20 days in Illinois black land, 1201 acres in Kankakee county, near Hopkins, all first class black land, well fenced and ditched, large buildings, county, Ind., 52 miles from Chicago, $65 per acre. Also a tract in Newton on the Monon railway. Plenty improvements, thoroughly tiled and fine land, only $55 per acre. W. A. Hinkle, Decatur, Ill.—8-wtf

WANTED—Everybody to buy a meal ticket at S. T. Myers' restaurant. Meals 15c, 7 meals $1, 21 meals $3. Three cent lunch counter. 143 North Main st.—Jan. 10-swtf.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, county of Macon, ss. In the county court, to the March term, A. D. 1904. In the matter of the estate of Catherine Hagerty, deceased.

To John Hagerty and Kate Anderson: Take notice that Catherine Hagerty, late of the city of Decatur, in said county and state, departed this life on or about the 21st day of January, A. D. 1904, testate; that by her last will and testament she named Flora Hagerty the executrix thereof. That said Flora Hagerty, as such executrix, heretofore filed her petition in said court asking that said will be admitted to probate. That in and by said petition the following named persons are designated as the heirs and legatees of the estate of Catherine Hagerty, deceased: Mary McNulty, nee Hagerty; Kate Anderson, nee Hagerty; Anna Fahrenkopf, nee Hagerty; Flora Hagerty, Edward Hagerty, Joseph Hagerty, and John Hagerty. That by said petition it is stated that the postoffice address of John Hagerty and Kate Anderson is unknown.

Now, therefore, you the said John Hagerty and Kate Anderson, will take notice that on Saturday, the 19th day of March, A. D. 1904, at the county court room in the court house at the city of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, the last will and testament of Katherine Hagerty, deceased, will be offered for probate; at which time and place, you or either of you, may appear if you see fit so to do.

J. M. DODD, County Clerk
Tuesd-w3w